



## **AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Sheri Gallo called the committee meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.**

### **Committee Members in attendance:**

Chair Sheri Gallo  
Vice Chair Leslie Pool  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Delia Garza  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

### **Committee Members absent:**

Mayor Steve Adler  
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair  
Council Member Don Zimmerman

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of September 19, 2016.**

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Pool's motion, and Council Member Casar's second, on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, and Council Members Renteria, Troxclair, and Zimmerman were off the dais.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak.**

There were two speakers:

- Paul Robbins said that the rates approved by Council did not provide a rate discount for everyone as requested by Council, and he urged them to change the tariff.
- Kaiba White said that she would like the utility scale solar contracts to be revisited, and follow-up is needed on the direction from Council for a request for proposal for 150 megawatts of solar to be operational in 2019.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **3. General Manager's report:**

- **October 14, 2016, tour of Fayette Power Project by City Council offices,**
- **update regarding metro taxes collected from southern Williamson County residential customers,**
- **transportation user fee exemption,**
- **update regarding pilot program for prepaid customer billing,**
- **excess liability insurance,**
- **upcoming procurements for on-site energy resources (district cooling) projects; commercial meter support services; and transmission, substation, distribution engineering services; and information technology hardware products and services.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager; Elaine Kelly-Diaz, Vice President of Customer Account Management; and Elaina Ball, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, provided the updates. Discussion included notification of the transportation user fee (TUF) exemption eligibility, projects covered by the on-site energy resources (OSER) contracts, and how OSER costs are reimbursed.

Requests included data regarding the number of people applying for the TUF exemption and the financial implications of the exemption for the Public Works and Transportation Departments.

### **4. Briefing on the process for updating the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan.**

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Khalil Shalabi, Vice President of Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning, provided the briefing. Discussion included whether this plan keeps Austin Energy on pace to be carbon free by 2030.

### **5. Briefing on 2017 electric rates, including residential Tier 1, demand charges for small commercial customers, house of worship rates, and State accounts.**

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Mark Dreyfus, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications; Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions; and Jackie Sargent, provided the briefing. Discussion included issues considered during the rate case, possible options for small commercial demand charges, and energy management outreach to small commercial customers.

Requests included a response to forthcoming options for small commercial demand charges that would not reopen the rate case and data showing the results of energy management programs.

### **6. Presentation of the Financial Health section of the Austin Energy Monthly Performance Measure Dashboard.**

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This item was postponed to a future meeting.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **7. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2017 meeting schedule for the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee.**

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Vice Chair Pool made a motion to approve the 2017 meeting schedule of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee with additional direction that briefing materials are to be provided a week prior to the meeting. Council Member Houston seconded the motion. The schedule was approved on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, and Council Members Renteria, Troxclair, and Zimmerman were off the dais.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **8. Discussion of future agenda items.**

This item was not addressed.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Gallo adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved on this the 30th day of January 2017 on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Flannigan's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, and Council Members Alter, Garza, Houston and Renteria were off the dais.**