

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: 003

Austin Energy

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of two tracts of land: Tract 1, approximately 1,522 square feet of land out of the Samuel Cushing Survey Number 70, Abstract Number 164; and Tract 2, approximately 2,927 square feet of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey Number 50, Abstract Number 160, both situated in the City of Austin 2-Mile ETJ, Travis County, Texas, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy's Transmission Circuit 975, in an amount not to exceed \$82,471.62 including closing costs.

Lead Department	Austin Energy
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$82,471.62 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.
For More Information	Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	November 13, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Fath and Hadden absent, and with two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's Transmission Circuit 975 Upgrade Project requires the relocation of a portion of the existing transmission circuit out of the Missouri-Kansas Railroad ("MOKAN") corridor. This portion of Circuit 975 must be upgraded from a 2,000 amp rating to 3,000 amps. It has been notably unreliable due to inadequate shielding and minimal phase-phase and phase-structure spacing. The line is also currently inaccessible for construction, and in its current location, will not meet National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements.

The new location along East Howard Lane will provide increased safety and reliability, as well as improved connectivity within the overall electric service system.

The Circuit 975 upgrade project requires the acquisition of two tracts of land near 2909 East Howard Lane. Tract 1 is approximately 1,522 square feet of land and Tract 2 is approximately 2,927 square feet of land. Both are located in the City of Austin 2 Mile ETJ within Travis County, Texas. The total amount for both tracts of land is \$82,471.62 including closing costs.

An independent third party appraisal indicated the market value of the easement tracts to be \$81,138. The property owner agreed to accept the market value appraisal opinion as total compensation for both permanent electric easement tracts.