## **Recommendation for Council Action**

## **AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018 Item Number: 003

## **Austin Energy**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Energy Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to decrease the Austin Energy Operating Fund Ending Balance by \$556,694 and increase the Conservation Rebates expenses by \$556,694 to provide additional funding for the Austin Energy Customer Assistance Program's Low Income Weatherization program.

Lead Department	Austin Energy
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$556,694 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.
Prior Council Action	September 13, 2017 - Approved the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget.
For More Information	Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services (512) 322-6138. Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions (512) 322-6327.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	July 16, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Funkhouser absent and one vacancy. July 17, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Resource Management Commission on a 8-0 vote, with three vacancies.

## **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Energy is seeking approval of a budget amendment to provide additional appropriations and related funding for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) low income weatherization expenses that remained unspent during Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This roll-over of funds was a recommendation of a stakeholder group, the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force, in 2015, and has since been approved by Council in 2016 and 2017. The total unspent amount in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the CAP low income weatherization program inception-to-date is \$556,694.