

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 15-year power purchase agreement with Pandora Solar, LLC, a NextEra Energy subsidiary, for up to 250 megawatts of electricity from a utility-scale solar-generation facility, in an estimated amount of up to \$13,000,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of up to \$195,000,000.

**Lead Department**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding will be provided through Power Supply Adjustment and Green Choice revenue.

**For More Information:**

Jeff Vice, Director, Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs (512) 322-6087; Erika Bierschbach, Vice President, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning (512) 322-6476.

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

May 21, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

On May 4, 2018, Austin Energy issued a Request for Proposals for renewable capacity and energy. Offers resulting from the solicitation provided Austin Energy with competitively priced renewable energy and environmental attributes, and the opportunity to continue progress toward its renewable energy acquisition goal. The renewable purchase recommended in this action, with existing renewable energy commitments, is projected to result in Austin Energy reaching approximately 56% renewable energy after the project begins commercial operation in 2023 (for calendar year 2024), and will increase the utility's purchase portfolio to 1216 megawatts (MW) of installed utility-scale solar capacity.

On August 17, 2017, the Austin City Council approved the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027 which updated the strategic energy policy for Austin Energy. The updated plan includes a goal of achieving an overall renewable energy portfolio of approximately 65% of Austin Energy's generating fleet by 2027.

This utility-scale contract will provide for the purchase of up to 250 MWs of solar power from a project to be constructed in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) South Zone. The agreement will not require Austin Energy to invest any funds in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the project. The agreement will provide for a non-escalating fixed price per megawatt-hour (MWh) of energy that allows Austin Energy to realize the pricing benefit due to the federal investment tax credit (ITC) available to solar developers which is set to begin declining for projects that begin commercial operation after 2023. The quantity of production will vary in accordance with the actual availability of solar irradiance at any given time. The agreement is projected to have a beneficial impact on the Power Supply Adjustment given current market prices and projected future price expectations.



**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement from Chameleon Howard, LP consisting of three tracts of land for a total of approximately 0.514 of an acre or 22,399 square feet being a portion of Lot 1, Reed Central Austin, a subdivision recorded in Volume 94, Page 133 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, situated in the City of Austin, for the public purpose of electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary for the upgrade project of Transmission Circuits 1004 and 961, in an amount not to exceed \$137,286.

**Lead Department**

Austin Energy

**Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**For More Information:**

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.



**Additional Backup Information:**

The purchase of this 22,399 square foot easement is necessary to upgrade the 1.7 mile Techridge to Howard Lane 138kV transmission line (Circuit 1004) with double circuit bundled conductors rated at 3000 amps per circuit. One of the upgraded circuits will be terminated at Howard Lane. The second circuit will bypass Howard Lane and tie into the existing Howard Lane to Jollyville 138kV transmission line (Circuit 961) to create a new Techridge to Jollyville circuit.

The upgrades will provide increased safety and reliability, as well as improved connectivity within the overall electric service system. Additional easement widths are necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electric Safety Code, and for access and maintenance.

The property owner of the proposed easement accepted the appraised value of \$137,286, including closing costs, as compensation.

Proposed Easement  
Chameleon Howard, LP  
Tract #6  
1001 West Howard Lane

 Parcels  
 Proposed Easement

2018 Aerial Imagery, City of Austin



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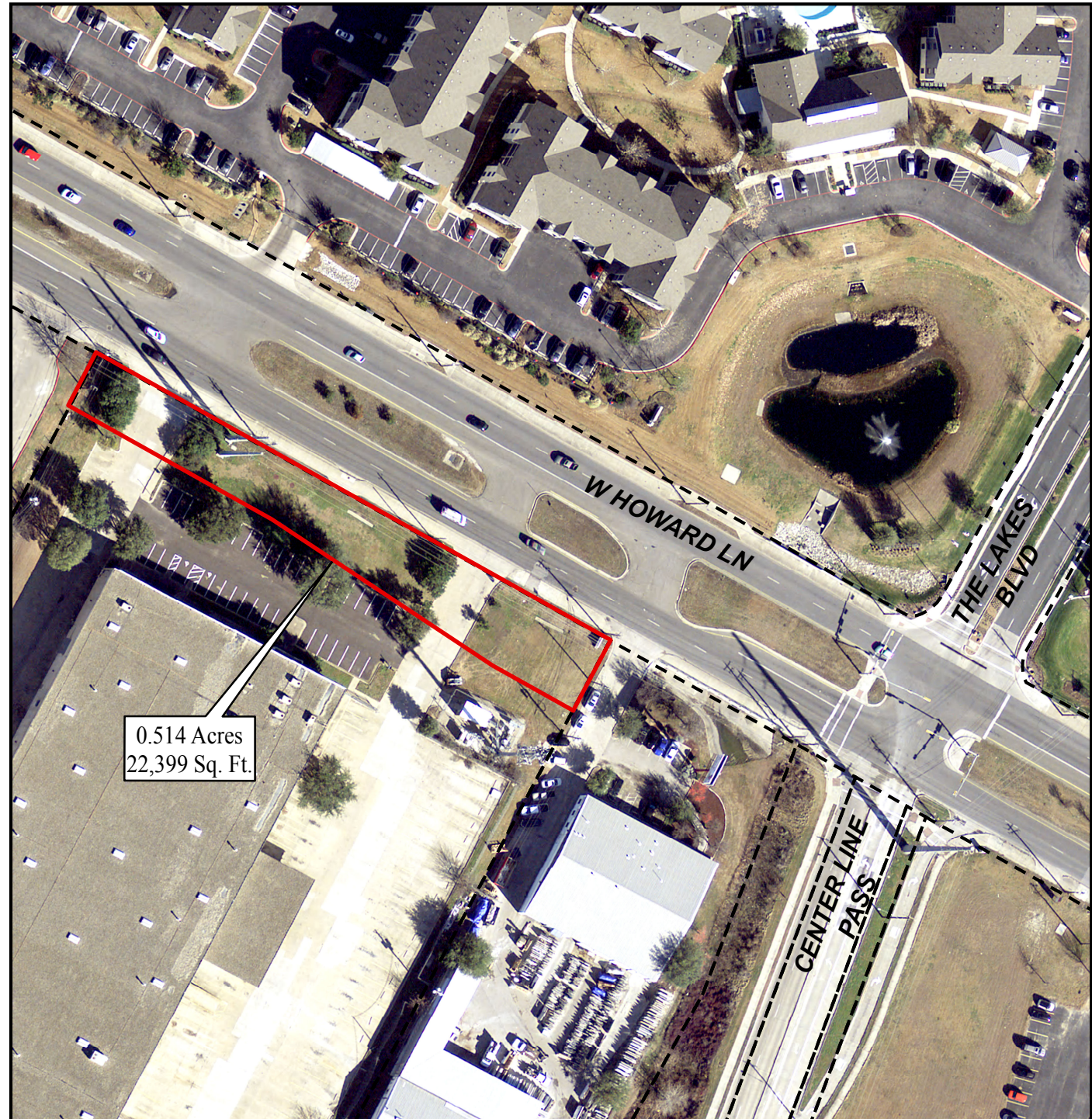


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**Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to an existing cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., to provide Fortinet products and services for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition/Energy Management System and Advanced Distribution Management System, for an increase in the amount of \$262,958 and to extend the term by two years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,068,680.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

**Prior Council Action:**

June 28, 2018 – Council approved the original contract, item 120, on an 11-0 vote.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Brett Hardy at 512-322-6122 or [Brett.Hardy@austinenergy.com](mailto:Brett.Hardy@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The proposed amendment funding increase provides hardware, software, implementation, training, maintenance, and support services required for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition/Energy Management System (SCADA/EMS) and Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) upgrade. The authorization will allow for the purchase of Fortinet firewall products and services not included in the initial contract award. The Fortinet firewalls will deliver functionality to conduct parallel testing, North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protections (CIP) regulatory requirement testing, which are critical phases for verifying production readiness. Furthermore, placement of these firewalls will provide an additional operational layer of separation and security from the corporate network as well as providing application control, state-full inspection, deep packet inspection, intrusion detection, anti-virus, and anti-malware for the control systems environments.

The Fortinet products added onto the contract will have an initial warranty/maintenance period of one year for the products built into the price along with an additional five years of maintenance and support for a total

term of six years for these products and services. This results in a two year extension to the current term of the contract, which is already one year into its approved term.

The SCADA/EMS system is mission critical and essential for safely and reliably operating and managing the transmission and distribution system. The system is required to maintain compliance with NERC CIP. The ADMS is a critical utility system running automatic functions that improve distribution system reliability to enhance customer service and reliability while still reducing operating costs.

Both control system projects (SCADA/EMS and ADMS) are in the process of upgrading the hardware infrastructure to optimize performance and minimize the effort required to keep the hardware infrastructure maintained. The additional Fortinet products and services will support both projects.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$4,805,722		\$4,805,722
Proposed Amendment	2 yrs.		\$262,958	\$ 262,958
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7 yrs.</b>	<b>\$4,805,722</b>	<b>\$262,958</b>	<b>\$5,068,680</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

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**Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to an existing cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., to provide Hewlett Packard Enterprise products, maintenance and support services, for an increase in the amount of \$172,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$316,000.

(Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$41,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Paula Barriffe at 512-322-6118 or [Paula.Barriffe@austinenergy.com](mailto:Paula.Barriffe@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The requested contract increase is to provide maintenance and support for Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) hardware that was not included in the initial contract awarded on November 1, 2018. The initial contract amount was based on the department's estimation at that time and previous spend. This HPE equipment supports the very substantial Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) environments at the System Control Center and Back up Control Center. The ADMS is a critical utility system running automatic functions that improve distribution system reliability and efficiency by managing outages and field crew assignments. Expansion of the support services will allow Austin Energy to continue to enhance customer service and reliability while optimizing operating costs.

The proposed amendment is necessary to expand hardware support and maintenance. A delay in approving or a failure to approve this amendment, may result in hardware failures which could cause the ADMS system performance to become degraded and impact situational awareness for operators and the safety of field crews.

**Contract Detail:**

<b>Contract <u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$144,000		\$144,000
Proposed Amendment			\$172,000	\$172,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3 yrs.</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>	<b>\$172,000</b>	<b>\$316,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., to provide NetApp network storage products and services, for up to seven years in an amount not to exceed \$5,170,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$3,110,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Brett Hardy at 512-322-6122 or [Brett.Hardy@austinenergy.com](mailto:Brett.Hardy@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for NetApp products and services including provision, delivery, installation, configuration, maintenance, and training for storage area networks as well as continuing maintenance for existing fabric attached storage (FAS). The new storage area networks will replace aging storage systems within Austin Energy's data centers. This faster and more reliable modern technology will provide necessary and improved backup storage, minimize risk in data protection, and improve system availability, manageability, and performance for critical Austin Energy systems. In addition, the contract will consolidate continuing maintenance for the FAS currently provided by the contractor under this new contract. The FAS provides storage for file systems currently utilized by Austin Energy staff.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down

costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$3,110,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 180,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 190,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 380,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 410,000
Optional Extension 5	1 yr.	\$ 420,000
Optional Extension 6	1 yr.	\$ 480,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7 yrs</b>	<b>\$5,170,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize award of two multi-term contracts with Royal Switchgear Manufacturing Co. and Morpac Industries, Inc., to provide air switches, for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$4,051,500 divided between the contractors.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$270,100 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ1005 for these goods. The solicitation issued on December 3, 2018 and it closed on January 8, 2019. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Darralyn N. Johnson, at 512-505-7293 or [Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com](mailto:Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts are for air switches for Austin Energy to install on an as-needed basis. Air switches are used to isolate and redistribute power in order to service substation equipment and as secondary safety precaution devices for field personnel by providing an additional physical disconnect from electrified lines. They are installed at substations throughout the Austin Energy service area and are integral to reliability improvement projects.

The current contract will expire on August 12, 2019. The requested authorization is based on the adjusted capital improvement project needs in the 2018-2022 Transmission and Distribution Budget Plan including contingency funding for operations and maintenance needs.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 810,300
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 810,300
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 810,300
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 810,300
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 810,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$4,051,500</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of two multi-term contracts with Alfred Conhagen, Inc. of Texas and Ruhrpumpen Inc., to provide utility pump maintenance services, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$3,000,000, divided between the contractors.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 DMD3003 for these goods and services. The solicitation issued on December 10, 2018 and it closed on January 15, 2019. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Terry V. Nicholson, at 512-322-6586 or [Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com](mailto:Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts will provide Austin Energy with access to two qualified contractors to provide maintenance services for large utility pumps used at Decker Creek Power Station and Sand Hill Energy Center. The services covered include planned maintenance, emergent maintenance, parts, upgrades, field service, and pump replacement. Proper pump performance is critical to the reliability and efficiency of the power plants. Two qualified contractors will ensure competitive pricing and timely response. Austin Energy will identify pump maintenance projects with a written work scope and each contractor will submit a price and schedule.

The contractor that provides the best value to the City will be awarded the project. The contractor awarded the project will provide all required labor, supervision, tools, parts and supplies.

The previous contracts expired in May 2019 and had expenditures of \$1,902,169 over a five-year period. The authorization requested includes funding to cover anticipated and emergent pump maintenance requirements during the contract term.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Alfred Conhagen, Inc. of Texas and Ruhrpumpen Inc. as the best to provide these services based on prior experience and personnel qualifications, total evaluated price, program, concept and solution, business organization and project management structure, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,200,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 600,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 600,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with The Northridge Group, Inc., to provide quality monitoring services for the Utility Contact Center, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,921,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$195,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018 -2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3000 for these services. The solicitation issued on October 8, 2018 and it closed on November 6, 2018. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or [Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com](mailto:Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide quality monitoring services for the Utility Contact Center (UCC). The UCC receives about 120,000 calls, emails, and faxes per month related to the City's electric, water, and solid waste services. In an effort to enhance the customer service experience, the contractor will assess the existing quality assurance program to identify customer needs, monitor customer satisfaction, and address customer interaction challenges. The contractor will collaborate with Austin Energy to improve the overall quality

assurance program by providing recommendations based on evaluations, developing procedural guidelines for call types, and expanding the type of calls being monitored to include outbound calls and escalations.

The services will include expert evaluation of calls, email, chat, and social media to improve performance at the agent, system, and program level. Speech analytics as well as other telephony and quality assurance technology will be used to assist with identifying and trending call types and behaviors to strengthen analytical insights. Critical behaviors will be identified through real-time and recorded customer interactions. The contractor will provide coaching and training solutions that will provide actionable feedback to agents to improve overall skills and processes at the UCC.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored The Northridge Group, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on concept and solutions, cost, prior experience and personnel, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise preference.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,170,050
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 583,650
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 583,650
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 583,650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$2,921,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with AHW Consulting LLC, D/B/A Healthworks Ergonomics (WBE), to provide ergonomic consulting services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,101,500.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$111,900 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3001 for these services. The solicitation issued on November 12, 2018 and it closed on December 11, 2018. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or [Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com](mailto:Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide ergonomic assessments and recommendations for improvement to Austin Energy's ergonomic program. The contractor will provide written assessments of the current program, provide recommendations based on findings, identify high-risk job tasks which require more aggressive management, perform one-on-one assessments available to employees at 24 locations, provide training classes, recommendations for communications with staff, and provide ongoing ergonomic consulting services. With

an improved ergonomic program in place, the goal is to reduce employee injuries in the field as well as in an office environment.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored AHW Consulting LLC, D/B/A Healthworks Ergonomics as the best evaluated responsive offeror to provide these services based on concept and solution, price, work plan, experience and personnel, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 640,950
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 220,230
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 139,250
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 101,070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,101,500</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Navigant Consulting Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3002, to provide regulatory consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018 -2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3002 for these services. The solicitation issued on January 7, 2019 and it closed on February 5, 2019. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or [Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com](mailto:Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide regulatory consulting services for Austin Energy including public outreach meetings, reporting, analysis, and recommendations to accomplish identified tasks. On August 29, 2016 City Council signed Ordinance No. 20160829-004 which included a Joint Recommendation that identified research items to address prior to the next rate case. The contractor will prepare studies on the rate structure for Secondary Voltage Service 1 (demand less than 10 kilowatt) including the appropriateness of the non-demand threshold. The contractor will also study the characteristics and determinants of non-residential customers' monthly peak demand, including load profile analysis, peak usage sensitivity to weather inputs,

and the extent to which individual customer peaks are coincident with system peaks of Austin Energy and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Navigant Consulting Inc. as the best to provide these services based on concept and solution, personnel qualifications, price, demonstrated applicable experience, local business preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Mobility Resource Associates Inc., D/B/A MRA, D/B/A MRA Mobile Experiential, to provide the design, installation, lease and operations of a mobile customer outreach trailer, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,035,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 SMB3004 for these goods and services. The solicitation issued on August 6, 2018 and it closed on September 6, 2018. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or [Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com](mailto:Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com) or Julia Finn, at 512-322-6060 or [Julia.Finn@austinenergy.com](mailto:Julia.Finn@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide Austin Energy with the design, installation, lease, and operations for a mobile customer outreach trailer. The trailer will provide the public with an interactive user experience that promotes Austin Energy's mission and goals. The vision is to continue to work with customers to enhance their access to energy information in ways that are informative and actionable, offering the public hands-on educational activities that showcase programs such as rate options, energy efficiency, Green Building,

Customer Assistance Programs, smart thermostats, solar solutions, GreenChoice, electric vehicles and emerging technology, and community outreach activities.

The cost includes design and fabrication of a mobile customer outreach trailer to include a tow vehicle, driver, storage of the trailer, maintenance, site logistics and preparation, and program management throughout the duration of the contract. The trailer will be wrapped with Austin Energy branding and will be used at community events and venues for customer outreach.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Mobility Resource Associates Inc. D/B/A MRA, D/B/A MRA Mobile Experiential as the best to provide these services based on past experience, implementation plan, cost, concept, local business presence, and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 589,500
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 148,500
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 148,500
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 148,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,035,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize amendments to existing contracts with Asplundh Tree Experts, LLC and Wright Tree Service Inc., for continued energized distribution line clearance services, for an increase in the amount of \$10,000,000 and to extend the term by one year, for revised total contract amounts not to exceed \$44,000,000, divided between the contractors.

(Note: These contracts were awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for the contracts, subcontractor goals were applied. The subcontracting goals were met and the resulting contracts include 4.20% MBE and 1.86% WBE participation).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract terms are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

**Prior Council Action:**

August 17, 2017 – Council authorized the initial terms of the contracts with the direction to return for authorization of the extension options, item 42, on an 8-2-1 vote, with Council Members Garza and Pool voting nay and Council Member Renteria abstained.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Terry Nicholson, at 512-322-6586 or [Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com](mailto:Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts provide tree pruning and vegetation removal and suppression in the vicinity of Austin Energy's power lines. Vegetation management around energized electrical lines, utility easements, and rights of way is necessary in maintaining electric service reliability and public safety. Austin Energy's line clearance program helps prevent power outages and accidents.

On August 17, 2017, Council approved execution of the energized distribution line clearance contracts for the initial two year term only, and required additional Council action for any extension options.

During the initial term of the contracts, Austin Energy researched ways to restructure its vegetation management program to offer opportunities to a greater number of contractors with varying types and levels of experience, and increase efficiencies while meeting operational and regulatory requirements. As a result, Austin Energy developed a plan to replace the current contracts with the following new contract types:

- Energized distribution line clearance with two geographic zones (North and South); mid-cycle and ticket or responsive pruning; pruning around streetlights;
- Tree replacement and planting
- Tree growth regulator (tree shoot growth suppression) program
- Distribution vegetation management pre-planning (work planning and customer communications)

The proposed amendments will extend the contracts for a one year term, allowing time to solicit for services under the restructured vegetation management program described above. The current contracts expire September 17, 2019.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$34,000,000		\$34,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3 yrs.</b>	<b>\$34,000,000</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$44,000,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to existing cooperative contract with CDW LLC D/B/A CDW Government LLC, to provide Cisco products and services including maintenance and support of city network infrastructure, for an increase in the amount of \$45,000,000 and to extend the term by two years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000,000.

(Note: This contract was awarded by a cooperative purchase agreement with the State of Texas Department of Information Resources in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code; therefore, goals were not established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy; Communications and Technology Management.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$2,100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Communication Technology Management. Funding for the remaining months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

**Prior Council Action:**

November 3, 2016 – Council approved the original contract, item 37, on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining and Council Member Troxclair absent.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Jim Howard, at 512-974-2031 or [jim.howard@austintexas.gov](mailto:jim.howard@austintexas.gov).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 -To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The proposed amendment will consolidate existing Austin Energy and Communications and Technology Management (CTM) contracts for Cisco SmartNet hardware, software and support into one contract. This contract will continue to provide, on an as-needed basis, the ability to purchase products and services including maintenance and support for all Cisco hardware and software currently under Cisco's SmartNet maintenance program including network, voice and security solutions.

The proposed amendment will add services needed by Austin Energy to support higher than forecasted purchases necessitated by the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and the Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) upgrade projects, and support CTM needs. In addition, new network infrastructure will provide support to the new Austin Energy headquarters building and the Austin

Energy information technology (IT) infrastructure plan. The contract will also allow CTM to modernize and upgrade existing equipment including data center technology, the local area network and the wide area network technology and provide for network consultation services. The balance of the amendment increase will be used to purchase replacement Cisco hardware as well as SmartNet hardware and software support for the remainder of the contract term and proposed extensions.

Continued Cisco equipment support is critical to City and Austin Energy IT operations.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000
Proposed Amendment	2 yrs.		\$ 45,000,000	\$45,000,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7 yrs.</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 45,000,000</b>	<b>\$55,000,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of two multi-term cooperative contracts with Fastenal Company and SID Tool Co Inc. D/B/A MSC Industrial Supply, to provide industrial supplies and equipment, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,664,000, divided between the contractors.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

All City departments.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$354,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined these contractors best meets the needs of the departments to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or [sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov](mailto:sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 13, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

June 12, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts will provide a reliable source for industrial supplies and equipment used by various City departments to repair and maintain their facilities and equipment. The items available include a wide variety of repair and maintenance equipment and supplies including: electrical, plumbing, fleet vehicle maintenance equipment, janitorial equipment, electrical hand tools, hardware, safety equipment and supplies, small electrical motors and generators, lighting, security, and test instruments. The Contractors will be required to include sustainability measures in line with the City's policies, including compliance with appropriate LEED criteria for indoor air contaminants, FSC certification of wood, waste recycling, and recycled content of products.

The Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The current contracts expire June 27, 2019. The requested amounts were determined using departmental estimates based on historical, current, and projected spending data. The recommended contractors are current providers for these goods.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$1,416,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$1,416,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$1,416,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$1,416,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 yrs.</b>	<b>\$5,664,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

### City Council Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the fee acquisition consisting of approximately 0.252 acres or 10,983 square feet of land being a part of Division “O” of the Original City of Austin Government Out Lots, according to the map on file in the Texas General Land Office in Travis County, Texas, and being more particularly a part of the west 100 feet of East Avenue, a street in the said City of Austin, as depicted on the map of the said Government Out Lots and being a portion of that called 0.9702 acres of land as described in that certain Declaration of Departmental Transfer of Operations and Maintenance Obligations as described in Document No. 20122178335, Official Public Records Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$164,745, for the public purpose of constructing a new electric substation. The owner of the needed property interest is WC 56 East Avenue LLC. The property is located entirely in District 9, at 55 East Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701 between River and Lambie Streets, just west of the I-35 frontage road.

### Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP, Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442, Angela Rodriguez, Staff Attorney, Law Department (512) 974-6032.

### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 13, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.



### Additional Backup Information:

The Downtown Austin Plan, adopted by the Austin City Council in 2012, identified the need for a new electrical substation in the fast-growing Rainey Street District by 2020 to serve this section of downtown including redevelopment activities along Waller Creek. This new substation will strengthen the Downtown 35 kV Network which is now supplied from the existing Seaholm and Brackenridge Substations. The new substation also supports the following objectives in Austin Energy’s overall Capital Improvement Plan:

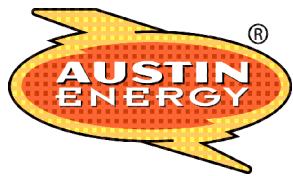
- Ensure that businesses and residents have reliable, resilient, and redundant electrical service as the vibrant downtown Austin area continues to develop.
- Allow the aging Seaholm Substation to be upgraded in a timely and efficient manner to meet future needs.
- Provide the capacity needed to allow the 45-year-old Brackenridge Substation to be taken out of service and be rebuilt as a 138 kV substation.
- Allow the existing 69 kV transmission lines into the downtown area, including those which will supply the newly-rebuilt Brackenridge Substation, to be converted to 138 kV operation.

The current fair market value of the WC 56 LLC tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$164,735. The City has attempted to purchase the needed property; however, the City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition tract. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.

# Proposed Easement 55 East Avenue

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