

# Electric Utility Commission July 17, 2020 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regularly scheduled meeting via videoconference/Webex. Meeting called to order by Chair Hopkins at 1:02p.m. Also present were Commissioners Boyle, Ferchill, Hadden, Reed, Trostle, Tuttle and Weldon. Commissioner Stone joined during the briefing. Commissioner Wray was absent and there is one vacancy.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting. Motion (Reed) to approve minutes; seconded (Weldon); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioner Stone off the dais, Wray absent and one vacancy.

### **NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT**

( ) = Target Council Meeting Date; [ ] = RCA Type

Motion (Ferchill) to recommend consent agenda (Items 2-6); seconded (Reed); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioner Stone off the dais, Wray absent and one vacancy.

- 2. (7/30) [Purchasing] Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Techline Inc, to provide network protector rebuild services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,100,000.
- 3. (7/30) [Purchasing] Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with DirectApps, Inc. D/B/A Direct Technology, to provide continued maintenance, support and system upgrades to the workflow automation software solution for energy efficiency and solar rebate programs, for an increase in the amount of \$1,920,000 and to extend the term by five years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$3,830,000.
- 4. (7/30) [Purchasing] Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with J.D. Power, to provide customer satisfaction and benchmarking studies, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$506,500.
- 5. (7/30) [Purchasing] Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., to provide acrylic and polypropylene padlock meter seals, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$467,000.
- 6. (7/30) [Purchasing: Various depts; AE's portion approximately \$1.5M] Authorize award of two multi-term contracts with Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. and Balcones Recycling Inc., to provide trash, recycling, and organics collection services for City facilities, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$7,500,000, divided between the contractors.

## STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS

- 7. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Austin Energy's Proposed FY21 Budget provided by Joseph Gonzales, Finance Director. Motion (Reed) to recommend Austin Energy's Proposed FY21 Budget; seconded Ferchill; passed on a vote of 8-0-1, with Commissioner Stone abstaining, Wray absent and one vacancy.
- 8. Update regarding rate review, including milestones and timeline, and Houses of Worship discount **tabled till future meeting**.

## ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the Climate Emergency Resolution Working Group [Resolution No. 20190808-078]. (Wray, Hadden)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
- 11. Discuss potential future agenda items:
  - Boyle: Item 8 above
  - Hadden: Information regarding (1) status of COVID rate reductions; (2) budget breakdowns desired on joint projects; (3) line clearance questions regarding chemical use
  - Reed: If applicable, briefing regarding Tesla's manufacturing facility

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.