

Electric Utility Commission January 11, 2021 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regularly scheduled meeting via videoconference/Webex. Meeting called to order by Chair Hopkins at 1:05 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Boyle, Ferchill, Funkhouser, Hadden, Reed, Trostle, Tuttle and Weldon. Commissioner Stone arrived during briefings and Commissioner Wray was absent.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – Paul Robbins re weatherization

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting. Motion (Weldon) to approve minutes; seconded (Boyle); passed on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioner Stone off the dais and Wray absent.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

- () = Target Council Meeting Date; [] = RCA Type
- Items 2, 3, 6, and 8 11 unanimously recommended on consent (9-0, with Commissioner Stone off the dais and Wray absent). Following discussion, motion (Weldon) to recommend Items 4, 5 and 7; seconded (Reed); passed on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioner Stone off the dais and Wray absent.
- 2. (1/27) [Capital Contracting] Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd.(MBE), for the Decker Dam Slough Repair project in the amount of \$1,322,546 plus a \$132,254.60 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,454,800.60.
- 3. (2/4) [Purchasing] Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with DNV GL USA, Inc., to provide a utility asset management software solution, maintenance and support, for a term of ten years in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.
- 4. (2/4) [Purchasing] Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Power Cost, Inc., to provide market operations and settlement cloud solutions and related services, for up to 12 years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,600,000.
- 5. (2/4) [Purchasing] Authorize award of a multi-term contract with High Tech Engineering Inc, to provide underground utility locating services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.
- 6. (2/4) [Purchasing] Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc, to provide a gas-insulated switchgear and related services, for an increase in the amount of \$800,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$6,800,000.
- 7. (2/4) [Austin Energy] Authorize expenditures for annual renewals of professional dues and memberships in national and state associations and organizations related to the electric utility industry, in an amount not to exceed \$510,822.

- 8. (2/18) [Purchasing] Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., for information technology professional services for the Advance Distribution Management System and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Energy Management System, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
- 9. (2/18) [Purchasing Multiple Departments; AE's estimated portion: \$300K] Authorize an amendment to an existing cooperative contract with Insight Public Sector Inc D/B/A Insight Public Sector, to continue the Adobe Enterprise License Agreement and related services, for an increase in the amount of \$1,300,000 and to extend the term by three years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,741,563.
- 10. (2/4) [Austin Energy] Authorize the negotiation and execution of a thirty six-month lease agreement with 726 LLC for a 6.685 acre portion of 8405 N. Lamar Blvd. more particularly described as Lot 3-B Amended Plat of Re-subdivision of Lot 3 CBP Commercial Subdivision, a subdivision recorded in Volume 87, Page 179A of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and Lots 4 & 5, CBP Commercial Subdivision, a subdivision recorded in Volume 84, Page 109C of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas for a temporary construction laydown yard to support major electric transmission projects in an amount not to exceed \$769,212, with two, twelve-month extension options, in the amount of \$266,736 and \$272,064 respectively, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,308,012. (District 4)
- 11. (2/18) [Purchasing Multiple Departments; AE's estimated portion: \$908K] Authorize award of eight contracts for COVID-19 temperature screening services, with InGenesis, Inc.; Arch Staffing and Consulting, LLC; Donald L Mooney Enterprises, LLC; Acadia Workforce Inc.; Protouch Nurses, Inc; Ascend National LLC; Capitol Medical Services, LLC; and First Medical Response of Texas Inc.; each for a term of six months or until the contract amounts are expended in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000, divided among the contractors.

STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS

- 12. Austin Energy Weatherization Programs for Limited Income Customers provided by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions; Sarah Chatterjee, Director, Energy Efficiency Services; and Terry Moore and Manny Garza, Managers, EE Services
- 13. Transportation Electrification Program Update provided by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions; Karl Popham, Manager, Electric Vehicles & Emerging Technologies; and Cameron Freberg, Utility Strategist

OTHER BUSINESS

- 14. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
- 15. Discuss potential future agenda items.
 - Hopkins: (Slated for February) 1st Qtr Financial and Operations Reports; Utility Bill Relief Update; REACH Update; (Mar) -Resiliency Update
 - Hadden: Report re STP Sirens going off on Dec 30th
 - Reed: Report re Local Solar and Storage RFP results
 - Several: Consider granting citizen Paul Robbins more than customary three minutes to make presentation on AE's Energy Efficiency and Customer Assistance Programs

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.