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#### **Executive Summary**



Generally compliant with all financial policies. Contingency and Capital Reserve balances below minimums but total cash above minimum of \$480m.



Austin Energy is meeting our target AA S&P bond rating.



Million **Operating Revenue** 

Operating revenue at March is 6% over budget primarily due to an increase in power supply revenue.



\$(786) Million Expenses w/transfers

Operating expenses including transfers are 7% over budget primarily due to higher power supply and power production expenses.



Working Capital decreased \$226M primarily due to funding CIP, decreased margins and the Power Supply adjustment rate reduction due to Winter Storm Uri.



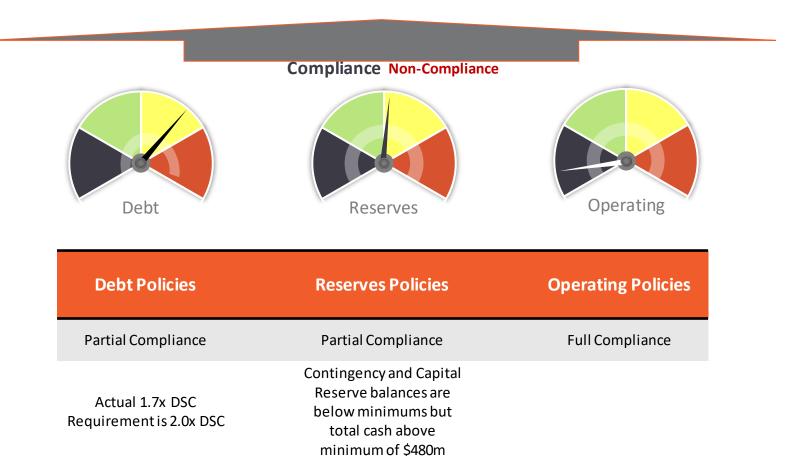
Austin Energy's 'AA' credit rating is among the highest in the industry. The financial and operational health of the utility impacts future credit evaluations.



Financial Policy Compliance



## Financial policies are memorialized and adopted by ordinance each year during the budgeting process

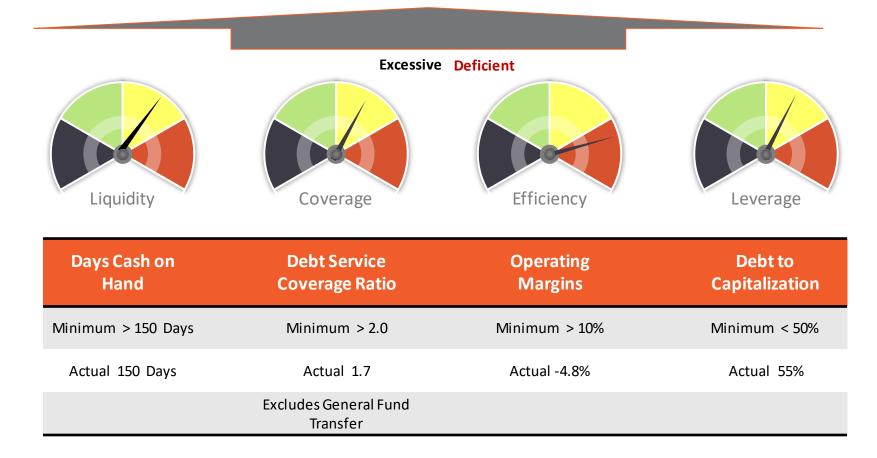




Financial Performance Measures



# AA Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Achieved November 2016





#### Austin Energy's Affordability Goal has Two Metrics



#### Affordability Metric

Competitiveness Metric

Full Compliance Since 2013

Full Compliance Since 2019

Maintain system average rates at or below 2% annual compound growth rate that began October 2012.

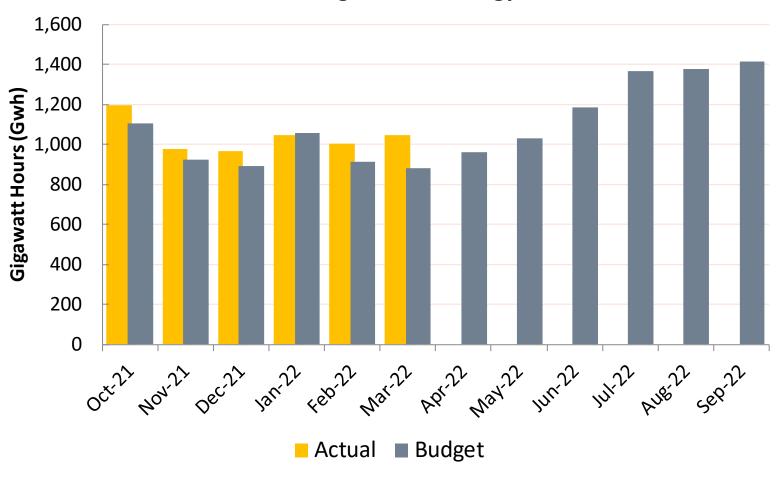
Maintain an average annual system rate in the lower 50% of all Texas utilities serving residential, commercial and industrial customers as measured by published data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form 861.



Actual to Budget Analysis

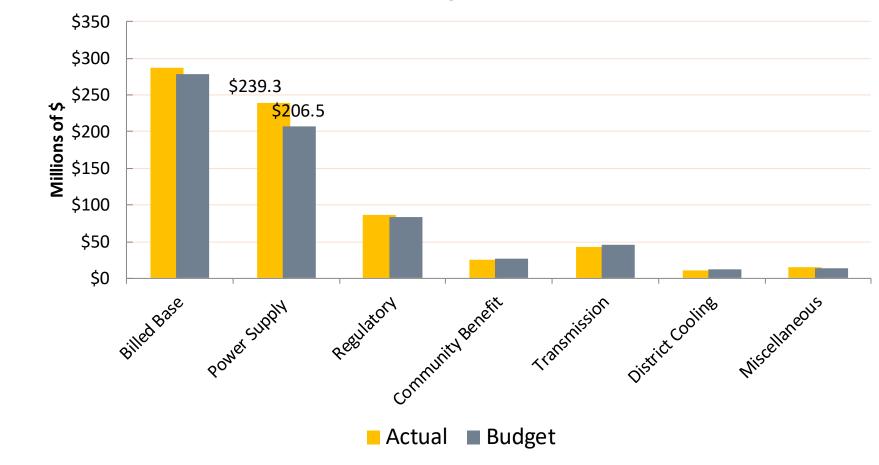


#### **Actual to Budget Retail Energy Sales**



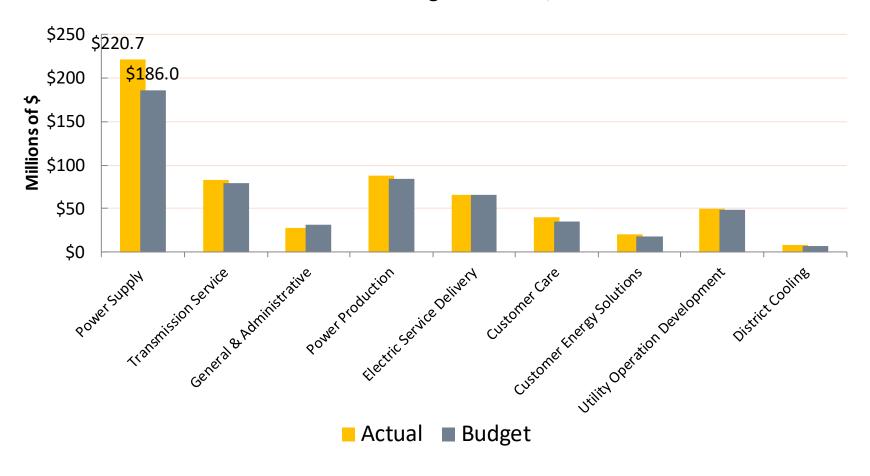


### **Budget Based Operating Revenues Fiscal Year Through March 31, 2022**





#### **Budget Based Operating Expenses Fiscal Year Through March 31, 2022**





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**Budget Based Fund Summary** 

Variance to Budget

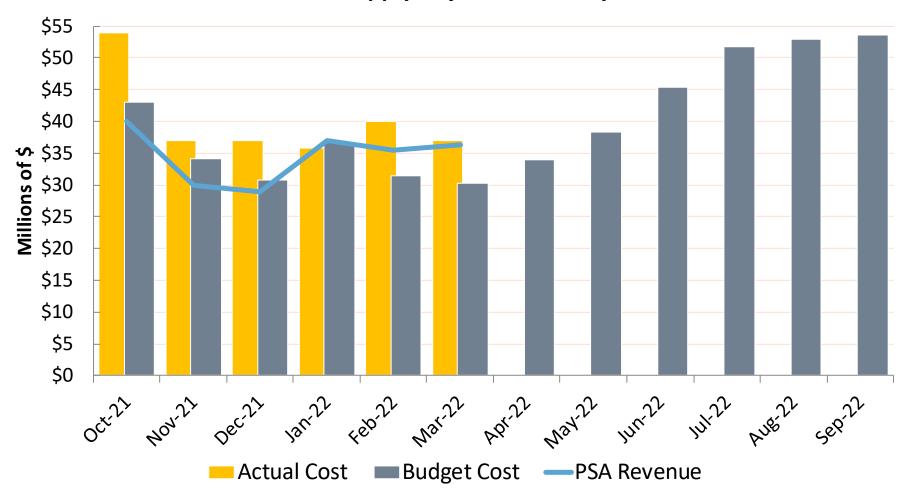
Fiscal Year Through March 31, 2022

Favorable (Unfavorable)

Millions of \$	Actual	Budget	Amount	%
Operating Revenues	\$707	\$667	\$40	6%
Operating Expenses	604	556	(48)	(9%)
Operating Income (Loss)	\$103	\$111	(\$8)	(7%)
Interest Revenue	1	2	(1)	(57%)
Debt Service	(68)	(67)	(1)	(1%)
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	\$36	\$46	(\$10)	(21%)
Administrative Support	(14)	(14)	0	0%
General Fund	(57)	(57)	0	0%
Economic Development	(5)	(5)	0	0%
CTM Fund	(6)	(6)	0	0%
Voluntary Utility Assistance Fund	(1)	(1)	0	0%
Other City Transfers	(1)	(1)	0	0%
Internal Transfers / CIP	(31)	(31)	(0)	(0%)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	(\$79)	(\$69)	(\$10)	(14%)



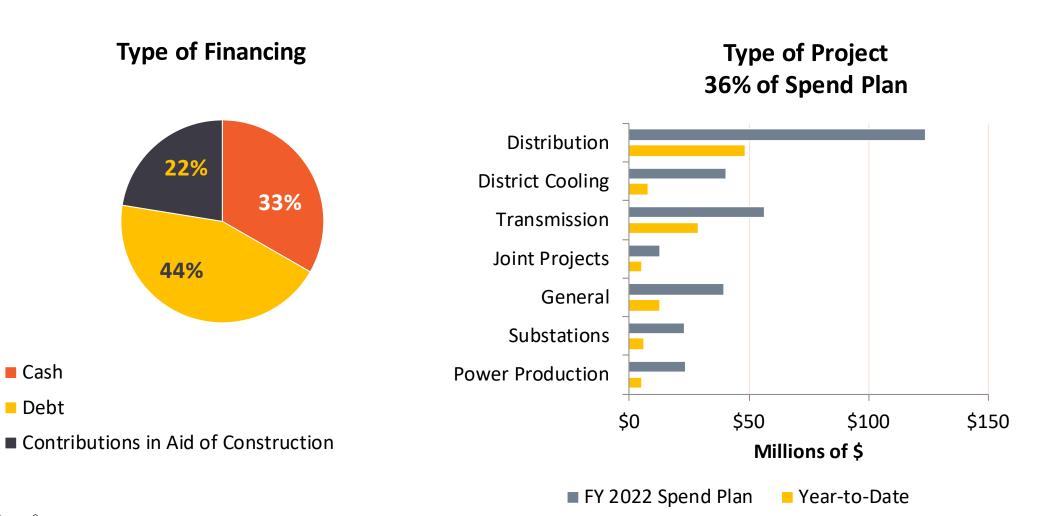
#### **Power Supply Adjustment Analysis**





#### **Capital Improvement Plan Summary**

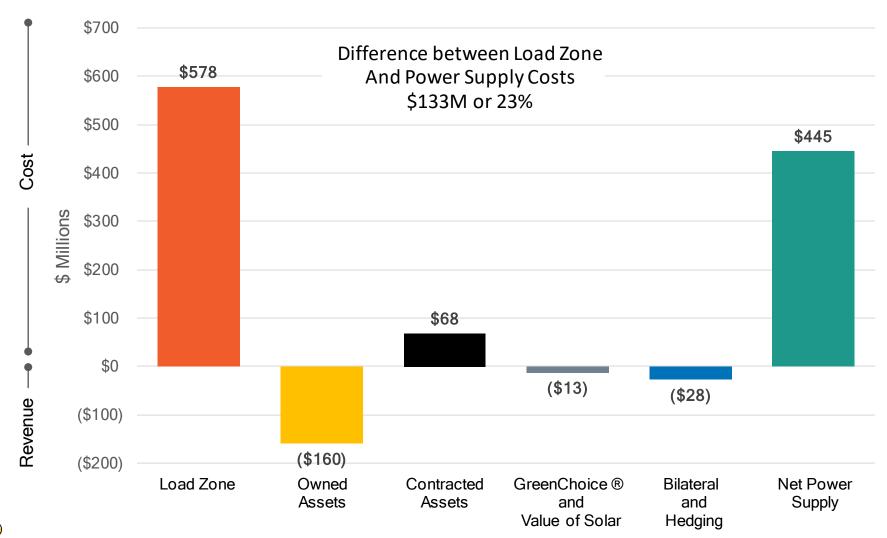
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#### Power Supply Adjustment Cost Components

#### **Twelve Months Ending March 2022**





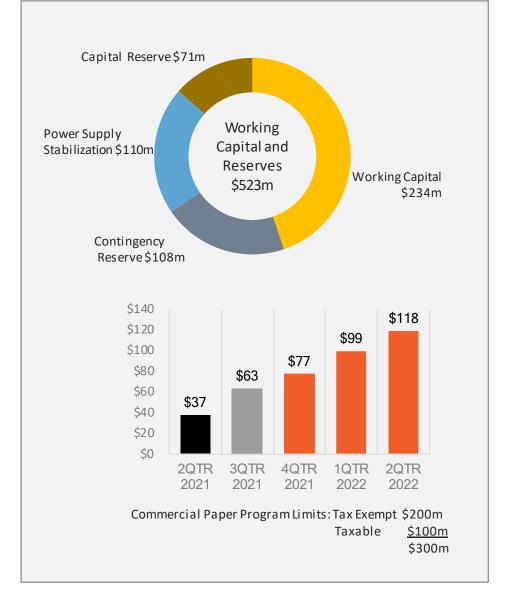
Financial Statements



#### Balance Sheet Snapshot

#### **Comparative Statement of Net Position**

\$ in Millions	3/31/2022	3/31/2021
Cash	\$234	\$461
Other Current Assets	299	273
Operating Reserves	289	288
Nuclear Decommissioning Reserve	242	239
Other Restricted Assets	265	277
Capital Assets	3,012	2,922
Other LT Assets & Deferred Outflows	1,672	1,501
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows</b>	6,013	5,961
Other Current Liabilities	217	158
Revenue Bonds	2,007	2,104
Commercial Paper	118	37
Other LT Liabilities & Deferred Inflows	1,905	1,835
Retained Earnings	1,766	1,827
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Equity	6,013	5,961

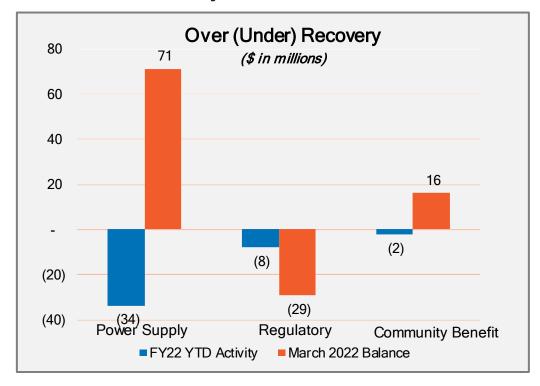


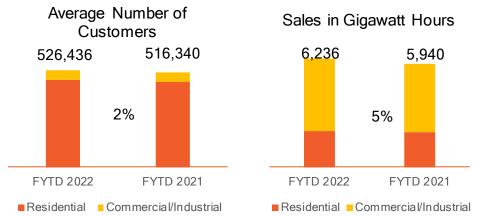


#### **Income Statement Summary**

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\$ in Millions	12 Months Ending 3/31/2022 3/31/2021			
Operating Revenues	\$972	\$947		
Power Supply Revenues	508	296		
Power Supply Expenses	454	244		
Non-Power Supply Expenses	815	764		
Depreciation Expense	283	284		
Operating Income/(Loss)	(\$72)	(\$49)		
Other Revenue (Expense)	\$125	\$117		
General Fund Transfer	(114)	(113)		
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$61)	(\$45)		
Debt Service Coverage	1.7	2.1		
Debt Capital Ratio	55%	54%		







#### Austin Energy Quarterly Financial Report Market and Industry Analysis

Relationship between Austin Energy Operations and its Credit Ratings



#### Capital Project Funding

Commercial Paper (CP)



- CP is unsecured, short-term debt
- City of Austin Treasury maintains \$500M limit for AE and Water
- CP is utilized to fund capital projects
- Issued for both taxable and non-taxable financing

Bonds: Refunding of CP



- Bonds are used to refund CP on a periodic basis (every 2-3 years)
- Bonds are secured by the revenues of the utility
- Long-term debt (up to 30 years)
- Both taxable and nontaxable bonds are issued

Bonds: Refunding of Bonds

- Bonds are used to refund prior issued debt, when financially feasible
- Used to lower debt costs
- Available when a bond becomes "callable"



### Credit Rating Agencies

Austin Energy Engages Three Major Agencies







Credit Rating Agency	Rate Range Default/Highest Risk		Austin Energy's Rating & Outlook
Fitch Inc.	D, C, CC, CCC, B, BB, <u>I</u> + or - indicates strength or weakne		AA / Negative
Moody's	B3, B2, B1, Ba3, Ba2, Ba1 , <u>Baa3, Baa2, Baa</u>	1, A3, A2, A1, <mark>Aa3</mark> , Aa2, Aa1, Aaa	Aa3 / Stable
Standard & Poor's	D, C, CC, CCC, B, BB, <u>l</u> + or - indicates strength or weakne		AA / Negative

High-Yield or "Junk" <u>Investment Grade</u>



#### Standard and Poor's Credit Opinion

May 7, 2021

#### **Credit Strengths**

- Customer growth of 7.3% over the past three years has supported maintaining coverage metrics and limited the need for rate increases.
- Historically robust liquidity and reserves relative to normal weather conditions, including available contingency, power supply stabilization, and capital reserves and undrawn taxable commercial paper (CP).
- Favorable operational profile, including its diversified generation resource mix of coal, gas, and efficient nuclear for base load that proved to be resilient during the extreme winter weather event in February 2021.
- Growing residential customer base that is not concentrated in revenues from its principal customers and benefits from the Austin metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) deep employment base.

#### **Credit Challenges**

- Debt needs over the next five years to fund 50% of its \$1 billion capital improvement plan (CIP) will increase annual debt service requirements and will likely require revenue enhancements to maintain strong coverage levels.
- Current power supply plans to cease operations at Decker unit 2 in October 2021 and its share of the Fayette Power Project by year-end 2022, which introduces additional price risk in the ERCOT market by reducing the firming attributes of dispatchable resources while increasing reliance on intermittent resources.
- governance risk is heightened given that the environment in which Austin Energy operates increasingly requires stronger liquidity, proactive planning, hedging, and financial flexibility, which could be costly, versus most utilities in other regions where these risks are lower.

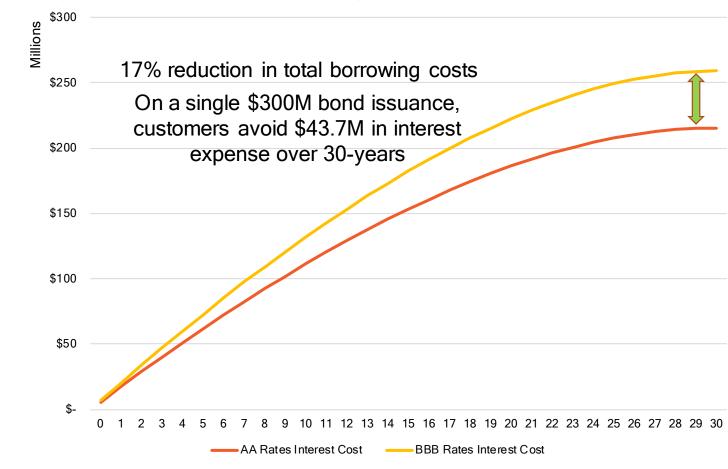


## Impact of Credit Rating on Customers AA Rating vs. BBB Rating

#### Credit Ratings are an Important Indicator of Management & Governance

Austin Energy's credit ratings are assigned by agencies based on their analysis of the credit risks associated with business and regulatory risks, financial risks, management and governance quality, and ability to service debt.

Austin Energy's current investment-grade ratings allow our customers to have lower bills. A rating downgrade would result in higher costs to borrow money and higher bills for our customers.





#### Direct Benefits of Credit Rating

Reduced Costs, Improved Liquidity, Lower Customer Bills

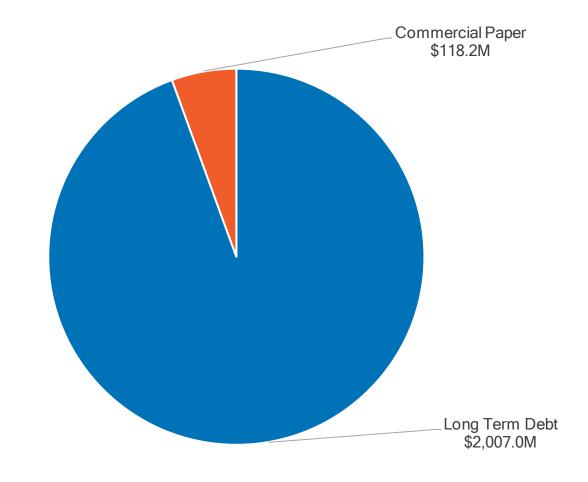
- Favorable credit rating results in less costly debt
- Easier access to markets
- Recruiting tool for personnel
- Improved terms & conditions with vendors
- Lower cash collateral requirements for energy trading



#### Current Debt Levels

## Outstanding Bonds and Commercial Paper

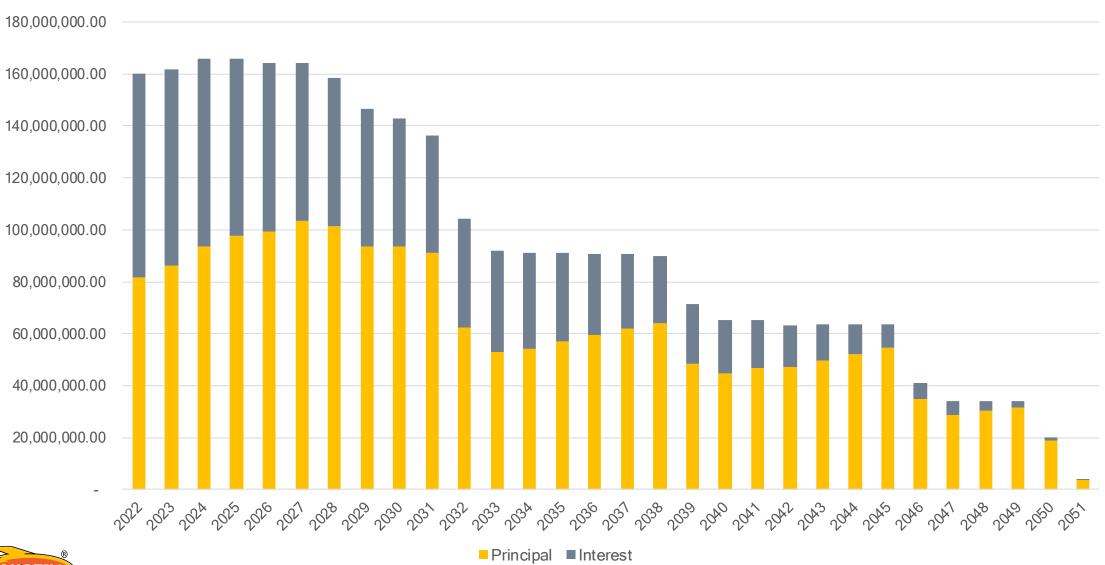
Austin Energy currently has \$2.007 billion of long-term debt\* plus \$118 million in short-term Commercial Paper debt.



<sup>\*</sup> Amount includes accrued interest, unamortized issuance cost, premium/discount.



#### Electric Utility System Revenue Bond Debt Service







## Customer Driven. Community Focused.

