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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
R E S O L U T I O N  
AUTHORIZING AUSTIN ENERGY'S SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC REBATE PROGRAM  
AND ASSOCIATED REBATES**

May 18, 2004  
Vote: 8-0-0-1-0

Motion by: Adan Martinez

Second by: Andrew Donoho

For: K. Strnad, J. Hoffner, M. Kuhn, K. Houser, C. Barron, J. Beckage

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: G. Hsieh

Vacant: 0

Motion: Passed

The Resource Management Commission supports Austin Energy's Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Incentive Program and associated rebates and rebate caps. It recognizes Austin Energy's desire to develop and implement a solar photovoltaic rebate incentive program in order to encourage its customers to purchase and install grid-connected solar energy systems. The Resolution recognizes that, through adopting the Resolution, the Austin City Council desires that Austin become a participant in the solar energy market and that it remain a leader in the development and use of clean, renewable energy.

The rebate incentives approved by the resolution are \$5.00 per watt for photovoltaic systems made outside of Austin, and \$6.25 per watt for photovoltaic systems that are manufactured or assembled (excluding installation) locally within the City of Austin's electric service area.



Rebates for residential customers are limited to eighty percent of installed cost, or \$15,000 per recipient, whichever is less. Rebates for commercial customers are limited to eighty percent of installed cost, or \$100,000, whichever is less. Austin Energy will seek City Council approval for those commercial rebate amounts that require such approval under the limits established in the City Charter.

In the summer of 2004, Austin Energy will hire an outside consultant to conduct a Value of Solar Energy Study. The study will, among other things, assess and quantify the value of solar energy for Austin Energy's electric system and its customers. At that time, Austin Energy will review and assess the rebate levels and net metering approach and payment under the Rebate Incentive Program.

From time to time, changes and improvements may be necessary for the Solar Rebate Program. On a regular basis, the Resource Management Commission will review the program with Austin Energy staff and recommend such changes.

The Austin Energy fiscal year 2003-2004 budget includes a council approved amount of \$933,000 for solar photovoltaic systems (*See Ordinance No. 040325-2*).

  
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Approved, Adan Martinez, Chair

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