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Resource Management Commission
Request for Energy Rebate to the Garden Terrace Housing Community
July 26, 2004
Vote: 7-0-2-0-0

Motion by: K. Houser

Second by: K. Strnad

For: A. Donoho, J. Hoffner, M. Kuhn, A. Martinez, J. Beckage

Against: 0

Absent: G. Hsieh, C. Barron

Abstain: 0

Vacant: 0

Motion: Passed

The Resource Management Commission supports the City's Commercial Energy Efficiency Programs and recommends that the City Council approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent in the amount of \$100,000 for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system for the Garden Terrace Housing Community located at 1015 W. William Cannon Dr. in Austin, Texas. The solar equipment, which meets all Austin Energy program requirements, includes 132 solar modules rated at 160 watts each and its associated inverter rated at 96% efficient.

This energy improvement will save an estimated 30,850 kWh per year. These savings are equivalent to an estimated 48,300 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 6 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 943 trees.

The Commercial Energy Efficiency programs are elements of Austin Energy's comprehensive effort to reduce local air pollution through energy conservation, to reduce peak demand, and to assist customers in reducing electric consumption. Within currently approved budget finding levels for commercial conservation rebates, this effort will provide Austin Energy with a constructive market transformation opportunity while adding a value-added service to encourage customer retention. Funds for this rebate will come from the existing commercial rebate budget; therefore there is no anticipated fiscal impact.


Approved, Adán Martínez, Chair

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