

**Energy Rebate
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/24/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$72,141 to ST. EDWARDS UNIVERSITY for the installation of a high efficiency chiller and variable frequency drives at 3001 S. Congress Avenue.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$72,141 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentive Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission and the Resource Management Commission.

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate for the installation of a 1,000-ton, high efficiency chiller and high efficiency motor upgrades known as variable frequency drives (VFDs) in accordance with the City of Austin's Commercial Rebate Program guidelines. The program is one element of Austin Energy's comprehensive Energy Resource Plan approved in December 2003 by the Austin City Council.

St. Edwards University is located at 3001 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas. The demand (kW) savings associated with this project is estimated at 240 kW. The high efficiency chiller and motor equipment installed as part of this energy efficiency project is estimated to provide yearly energy (kWh) savings of 782,515 kWh.

The City will not exceed the rebate offer of \$72,141 should the final installed measures be eligible for a higher rebate at the time of the final inspection due to changes in quantity or efficiency of equipment.



**Electric Utility Commission
February 28, 2005
Meeting**

Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$72,141 to ST. EDWARDS UNIVERSITY for the installation of a high efficiency chiller and variable frequency drives at 3001 S. Congress Avenue.

Motion by: Fath

Seconded by: LeGette

Ayes: Fath, LeGette, Owens, Skeith, Shaw and Weston

Nays: NONE

Abstaining: NONE

Off the dais: NONE

Absent: Carr and Fernandez

The motion passed on a 6 – 0 vote.