

RESOLUTION NO. 040506-25

WHEREAS, in response to policy directives established by the City Council of Austin and incredible consumer demand within its service area, Austin Energy has embarked upon one of the most aggressive renewable energy policies in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Austin Energy's GreenChoice program, ranked number one in the nation in green power sales by the U.S. Department of Energy for the last two years, currently includes nearly 100MW of wind energy and has approval to add an additional 93MW of wind energy; and,

WHEREAS, wind energy is among the most affordable forms of renewable energy on the market, and Austin Energy is very likely to continue its substantial reliance on wind power to achieve its strategic plan goal of 20 percent renewables by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, given that Austin Energy will continue to add large increments of wind power to its generation assets, it is prudent that Austin City Council further its goal of making Austin the Clean Energy Capital of the World by exploring the development of policy that encourages the local manufacture of wind generation equipment; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

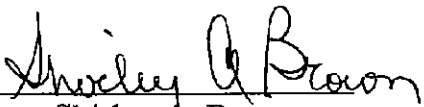
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council directs the City Manager to investigate mechanisms that will encourage the development of the manufacture of wind generation equipment in Austin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter within 45 days.

ADOPTED: May 6, 2004

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk