



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2
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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for reimbursement of costs to WALTON STACY OFFICE PARTNERS IV., L.P., Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of heat exchanger(s), associated piping and modifications to existing building air conditioning equipment needed to interconnect the existing building at 515 Congress to the Austin Energy downtown district cooling system in an amount not to exceed \$528,000, and for window tinting for this building in an amount not to exceed \$142,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$670,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$528,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Budget and \$142,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentive Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Cliff Braddock, Director, Energy Product Sales / 322-6302; Fred Yebra, Director, Demand Side Management / 482-5305

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on November 21, 2005.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Austin Energy is negotiating an agreement with Walton Stacy Office Partners IV. L.P., to provide Austin Energy's chilled water-cooling services for the existing building located at 515 Congress. Connecting this building to district cooling will enable T. Stacy to abandon its aged existing chiller system and improve building efficiencies. To complete the interconnection between the district cooling system and the Customer's building, and to maximize efficiencies, Austin Energy will reimburse costs that the building owner incurs to install heat exchangers and related piping and equipment and modifications to existing building air conditioning equipment in an amount not to exceed \$528,000, and for window tinting to improve the building's efficiency in an amount not to exceed \$142,000, for a total reimbursable amount not to exceed \$670,000.

This RCA is to seek authorization for Austin Energy to complete the purchase of the heat exchanger(s) and related piping as well as to reimburse customer for other needed efficiency improvement measures. Austin Energy will recover the cost for these reimbursable items as a part of the multi-year chilled water services agreement negotiated between Austin Energy and T. Stacy Office Partners IV. L.P. To complete this project, Austin Energy will need to extend its district cooling system piping to this location, which



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will be done through a separate piping installation contractor.



**Electric Utility Commission
October 17, 2005
Meeting**

Approve reimbursement of costs to WALTON STACY OFFICE PARTNERS IV., L.P., Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of heat exchanger(s), associated piping and modifications to existing building air conditioning equipment needed to interconnect the existing building at 515 Congress to the Austin Energy downtown district cooling system in an amount not to exceed \$270,000, and for Energy Conservation measures for window tinting for this building in an amount not to exceed \$180,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000.

Motion by: Fath

Seconded by: Weston

Ayes: Carr, Fath, LeGette, Owens, Sessa, Shaw, and Weston

Nays: NONE

Abstaining: NONE

Off the dais: NONE

Absent: Skeith

The Commission approved this item, 7-0.

CIP BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1/26/2006

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Non-Electric Plant Assets - Chillers**
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 112,067,916.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 20,898,358.80
Amount of This Action		<u>(528,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 20,370,358.80</u>

Use of Remaining Balance:

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

Director, Planning & Budget

Signature: 

Date: 1/10/06