



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2
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SUBJECT: Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$48,329 to EANES ISD, Westlake Hills, TX, for the installation of high efficiency lighting and chiller equipment at Westlake High School located at 4100 Westbank Drive.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$48,329 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Yebra, Director, Demand Side Management / 482-5305; Jon Luden, Program Manager / 482-5378

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

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

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate to Eanes ISD in the amount of \$48,329 for the installation of high efficiency lighting, and an energy efficient chiller with variable frequency drive units 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.

Eanes' Westlake High School is located at 4100 Westbank Drive in Austin, Texas. The demand (kW) savings associated with this project is estimated at 204.6 kW. The high efficiency equipment installed as part of this energy efficiency project is estimated to provide yearly energy (kWh) savings of 236.21 kWh.

The City will not exceed the rebate offer of \$48,329 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.



Resource Management Commission
Request for Rebate – Eanes I.S.D./Westlake High School, Austin, Texas
January 17, 2006
Vote: 8-0-0-1-0

Motion by: C. Barron

Second by: D. Venhuizen

For: A. Donoho, K. Strnad, R. Amato, A. Martinez, J. Hoffner, G. Hsieh

Against: 0

Absent: J. Beckage

Abstain: 0

Vacant: 0

Motion: Passed

The Resource Management Commission supports the City's Commercial Energy Efficiency Programs and recommends the City Council approve the issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$48,329.00 for the installation of high efficiency lighting, and an energy efficient chiller, along with VFD units, at Eanes I.S.D./Westlake High School in Austin, Texas. The facility is located at 4100 Westbank Drive. The facility consists of a high school structure including all associated activity centers.

The demand (kW) savings associated with the high efficiency equipment installed in this project is estimated at 204.6 kW, at a program cost of \$236.21 per kilowatt saved. The avoided kWh, estimated at 127,102 kWh per year, represents a major benefit to the local environment. These savings are equivalent to an estimated 142,002 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 18 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 2,773 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. This effort will provide Austin Energy with a constructive market transformation opportunity while adding a value-added service to encourage customer retention. This project will be funded within currently approved budget funding levels for commercial conservation rebates. Funds for this rebate will come from the existing commercial rebate budget; therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact.



Approved, Adán Martínez, Chair

January 17, 2006