

## Energy Rebate CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4
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<u>SUBJECT:</u> Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$67,974 to the STATE OF TEXAS' AUSTIN STATE SCHOOL, Austin, TX, for the installation of high efficiency lighting, air conditioning and motor equipment at their facility located at 2203 West 35th Street.

<u>AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:</u> Funding in the amount of \$67,974 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

**DIRECTOR'S** 

**DEPARTMENT:** 

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

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

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate in the amount of \$67,974 to the State of Texas for the installation of high efficiency lighting, energy efficient A/C (DX) units and multiple 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.

Austin State School is located at 2203 W. 35th Street. The demand (kW) savings associated with this expansion project is estimated at 304.9 kW. The high efficiency equipment installed as part of this energy efficiency project is estimated to provide yearly energy (kWh) savings of 1,147,095 kWh.

The City will not exceed the rebate offer of \$67,974 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 - Austin State School (State of Texas) Austin, Texas
January 17, 2006

Vate: **B-0-0-1-0** 

Motion by:

C. Barron

Second by:

D. Venhuizen

For:

A. Donoho, D. Strnad, R. Amato, A. Martinez, J. Hoffner, G. Hsieh

Against:

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Absent:

J. Beckage

Abstain:

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Vacant:

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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 \$67,974.00 for the installation of high efficiency lighting, energy efficient A/C (DX) units, and multiple VFD units at Austin State School in Austin, Texas. The facility is located at 2203 W. 35th Street. The campus consists of multiple buildings serving the needs of students and young adults.

The demand (kW) savings associated with the high efficiency equipment installed in this project is estimated at 304.9 kW, at a program cost of \$223.00 per kilowatt saved. The avoided kWh, estimated at 1,147,095 kWh per year, represents a major benefit to the local environment. These savings are equivalent to an estimated 1,281,564 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 160 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 25,027 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 Martinez, Ch

January 17, 2006

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