



**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 32
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SUBJECT: Set a public hearing to receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Time of Use (TOU) – Thermal Energy Storage Rider and the Load Cooperative Rider in the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004 (Suggested date and time: March 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street).

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

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

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action requests Council to set a public hearing to receive public comments on the changes proposed by Austin Energy to the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004 affecting the Time of Use (TOU) – Thermal Energy Storage Rider and the Load Cooperative Rider electric tariffs. Austin Energy is proposing to amend the Thermal Energy Storage and Load Cooperative Riders to increase participation in these demand side management programs.

The Thermal Energy Storage Rider establishes an incentive-based rate for customers who use thermal energy storage as a load-shifting technique. The Thermal Energy Storage Rider currently requires customers to shift a minimum of 20 percent of the customer's on-peak summer demand. The proposed change allows customers to shift the lesser of 20 percent customer's demand or 2,500 kW. This change will enable companies with very large loads to participate in Thermal Storage.

The Load Coop Rider establishes an incentive-based rate to encourage curtailment of non-critical electric loads. This proposal amends the current Load Coop minimum participation requirement from 200 kW to 100 kW. It adds language that the curtailed load can be no less than 15 percent customer's normal on-peak summer billed demand. This proposal will also make the curtailment window a minimum of three hours during any 24-hour period rather than a maximum of three hours.