



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 53
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SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing and approve 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 No. 20050912-004, to make these riders available to more Austin Energy customers.

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: Reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Austin Energy is proposing to amend the Thermal Energy Storage and Load Cooperative Riders to increase participation in these demand side management programs. These programs support the Council's goal of achieving 15 percent Energy Efficiency by 2020, as detailed in Austin Energy's Approved 2003 Strategic Plan.

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 Cooperative Rider establishes an incentive-based rate to encourage curtailment of non-critical electric loads. The proposed change amends the current Load Coop minimum participation requirement from 200 kW to 100 kW, and adds language that the curtailed load can be no less than 15 percent of the 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.