



Item #41

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 4/6/2006

Subject: Set a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the Continuous Service Program Initiation fee in the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004. (Suggested date and time: April 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street)

Amount and Source of Funding:

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: AE

For More Information:

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language:

MBE/WBE:

This action requests City Council to set a public hearing to receive public comments on the change proposed by Austin Energy to the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004 regarding the Continuous Service Program, currently entitled the Multifamily Partnership Program.

The Continuous Service Initiation fee approved in the FY 2005-2006 budget is described as a one-time fee of \$20 per apartment unit, which the utility charges to enter multifamily properties into the program, including setting up the manager account for each unit to allow for continuous electric service. The related ordinance does not specify if this "one-time" fee was to be charged each time the ownership of the property changed, or just one time as long as the property remained in the program.

This amendment to the ordinance will clarify the Multifamily Partnership Program's intent that the fee will be charged only one time, irrespective of ownership changes, so long as the property remains in the program and there is no break in continuous service delivery.