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AGENDA



Thursday, August 31, 2006

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Austin Energy RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 4

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to provide funding for a plug-in hybrid electric school bus in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

Additional Backup Material

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Commission report

For More Information: Roger Duncan, Deputy General Manager / 322-6157.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

Austin Energy is seeking authorization to provide funding to the Austin Independent School District (AISD) in the amount of \$65,000 for the purchase of a plug-in hybrid, diesel-electric school bus. The total cost for the plug-in hybrid school bus will be \$209,250. To fully fund the bus purchase, AISD is seeking a grant for \$74,250 from the State Technology Advancement Collaborative, with Austin Energy's \$65,000 and AISD's \$70,000 portion serving as matching funds. For its participation, Austin Energy will obtain (1) its trademarked logo on the bus, (2) the right to use the bus for select City functions, and (3) access to all performance data on the bus operation.

Through its Plug-in Hybrid Electric School Bus Project, Advanced Energy, a Raleigh, NC-based nonprofit, initiated a buyer's consortium of school districts, state energy agencies and student transportation providers. As a consortium member, AISD will receive one of 19 plug-in hybrid, diesel-electric school buses being deployed around the country by IC Corp., the nation's largest school bus manufacturer. Other consortium members currently scheduled to receive buses include neighboring Killeen ISD (1 bus), plus:

- Durham School Services, Everett, Washington (1 bus) - Fairfax County, Virginia (1 bus) - Florida Department of Education (2 buses) - Jennings Transportation, Nazareth, Pennsylvania (1 bus) - Lake Chelan School District, Chelan, Washington (1 bus) - Little Rock School District, Arkansas (1 bus) - Napa Valley Unified School District, California (1 bus) - Nevada Community Schools, Iowa (1 bus) - North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (2 buses) - City of Seattle (1 bus) - Sigourney Community School District, Iowa (1 bus) - South Carolina Department of Education (2 buses) - State of New York (2 buses)



Electric Utility Commission

August 21, 2006

Meeting

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to provide funding for a plug-in hybrid electric school bus in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Motion by: Fath

Seconded by: Knaupe

Ayes: Fath, Knaupe, Skeith, Schmandt, and Shaw

Nays: NONE

Abstaining: NONE

Off the dais: Sessa and Owens

Absent: Alvarez and Weston

The Commission approved this item, 5-0.