

AGENDA



Thursday, March 25, 2010

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 2**

Subject: Authorize the acquisition of approximately 5.87 acres of permanent electric easements from City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department at the Morris Williams Golf Course located at 4305 Manor Road, Austin, Texas, for construction of an electric substation, transmission and distribution lines, and a drainage area, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sonny Poole, Acting Manager, Public Involvement and Real Estate, 322-6442.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission. Related to Items #29 & 69.

Prior Council Action: February 25, 2010 – Set related public hearing.

The proposed acquisition of 5.87 acres of City-owned property at 4305 Manor Road at the Morris Williams Golf Course is required for the construction of a new electric substation, a 138 kV transmission line, distribution circuits from the substation to Manor Road, and a drainage area. The new substation is needed to deliver reliable electric service to a growing population in the Mueller area and surrounding neighborhoods.

In addition to this proposed \$1.5 million easements acquisition, the Memorandum of Understanding between Austin Energy and the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) also includes the transfer of a 4.43 acre tract on 51st Street from Austin Energy to PARD, clearing of brush on the 51st Street property, the installation by Austin Energy of a solar array on the golf cart maintenance building, and landscaping around the new substation to minimize the view from Manor Road and the golf course.