Thursday, May 13, 2010

## Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a legal services agreement with the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., for legal services and representation regarding the design and implementation of revised electric rates, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$60,000 is available in the fiscal year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remainder is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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This legal services agreement will provide as-needed legal advice and representation to Austin Energy with respect to its efforts to design and implement new electric rates in fiscal year 2013. Austin Energy has not undertaken a revision of its base electric rates since 1994, and will require additional outside legal expertise and services for this purpose.