WHEREAS, Austin Energy is a vital component of the City of Austin, serving over 400,000 customers, expending more than $1.3 billion annually, and possessing approximately $3 billion of assets; and

WHEREAS, Austin Energy faces significant strategic challenges including responding to rapid change in the electric utility industry, adjusting its business model, revising its rate structures, and incorporating conservation and efficiency goals into its daily operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the unique responsibility to ensure that these challenges are successfully met while maintaining the utility’s long-term commitment to providing clean, reliable and affordable energy to all of its customers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
The City Manager and General Manager of Austin Energy will update the City Council on the financial and operational performance of Austin Energy on a quarterly basis. Starting January 2011, the City Manager and General Manager will brief Council on the financial and operational performance of Austin Energy at a regularly scheduled Council meeting once every six months. Beginning April 2011, the City Council will hold work sessions on Austin Energy once every six months.

At these briefings and work sessions, the City Manager and the General Manager will present quarter-ended financials and projections for current year estimates, progress on
key performance indications, and detailed updates on strategic initiatives (such as the business model review, rate case progress, and the climate protection plan).

The City Council may invite members of the Electric Utility Commission, the Resource Management Commission, or heads of other stakeholder groups to work sessions to provide testimony on specific topics of discussion.

ADOPTED: ____________, 2010 ATTEST: ____________________________

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk