



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**CC:** Marc A. Ott, City Manager

**FROM:** Larry Weis, General Manager *LW*

**DATE:** November 23, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Critical Business Need for purchase necessary to restore communication to Fiesta Substation

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### **ACTION**

As detailed below, and in accordance with City Council-approved purchasing procedures, I am designating as a Critical Business Need of Austin Energy, the purchase of equipment and service required to restore communication to the Fiesta Substation. In order to procure this vital equipment and service as soon as possible, Austin Energy is expediting the purchased on the basis of a Critical Business Need.

### **BACKGROUND**

Austin Energy's System Control Center lost supervisory control including communications to the Fiesta Gas-Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Substation due to a failure of equipment within the substation. The critical equipment allows control of complex, high-voltage functions at the substation. Austin Energy must replace the equipment and purchase the required on-site support from ABB to restore these vital functions.

Austin Energy plans to schedule the work during the week of December 7, 2015. A purchase order for the equipment and service must be submitted to ABB before November 25, 2015. Austin Energy and the Purchasing Office will bring this item forward for ratification by City Council on a future agenda. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 322-6002.