



AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sheri Gallo called the committee meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Sheri Gallo
Vice Chair Leslie Pool
Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Delia Garza
Council Member Ora Houston
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo
Council Member Ellen Troxclair
Council Member Don Zimmerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of January 25, 2016.**

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Pool's motion, and Council Member Zimmerman's second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen, and Troxclair were off the dais.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed two minutes to speak.**

There were five speakers:

- Jane Doblovitz requested reinstatement to the Austin Energy Customer Assistance Program.
- Betty Dunkerley spoke about concerns with the rate proceeding process.
- Todd Davey spoke about the revenue requirement and requested a standing item on the rate review.
- Chris Hughes spoke about concerns with the rate case and requested a standing item on the topic.
- Kaiba White spoke about concerns with the rate case schedule.

BRIEFINGS

3. Overview of the public power market in Texas and elements of the revenue requirement.

Mark Dombroski, Austin Energy Interim General Manager; Mark Zion, Austin Projects & Policy, LLC and former Texas Public Power Association Executive Director; Thomas Brocato, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law; and Elaine Hart, City of Austin Chief Financial Officer, provided the briefing.

4. Briefing and invited guest presentation regarding eligibility criteria for Austin Energy's Customer Assistance Program.

Jawana "JJ" Gutierrez, Vice President, Customer Care Services; and Paul Robbins, invited guest speaker, made presentations. Council members requested a future item to review suggested improvements to the program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy's General Fund transfers and impact to electric bills.

Council Member Troxclair presented a draft Resolution directing the City Manager to provide information regarding a potential reduction of the General Fund transfer from Austin Energy. Concerns were expressed by some members regarding the language in the draft Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Troxclair and seconded by Council Member Zimmerman to recommend the item to Council. Amendments offered by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Member Kitchen were accepted as friendly. The Resolution, as amended, was recommended for approval to the City Council on a vote of 7-0-2, with Council Members Garza and Renteria abstaining, and Council Members Houston and Zimmerman off the dais.

FUTURE ITEMS

6. Discussion of future agenda items.

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURN

Chair Gallo adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of March 2016 on Council Member Casar's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Gallo and Council Members Garza and Kitchen were off the dais.