

# AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 301 W.  $2^{nd}$  Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 9:06 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 Don Zimmerman

# **Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Ellen Troxclair

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of August 22, 2016.

The minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting were approved on Council Member Houston's motion, and Council Member Casar's second, on a 6-0 vote. Chair Gallo and Council Members Garza, Renteria, Troxclair, and Zimmerman 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 three minutes to speak.

There was one speaker:

- Paul Robbins said that Council voted on a bill decrease for customers in all of the tiers when they passed rates in August, but what was approved was not necessarily a rate decrease for all customers.

#### **BRIEFINGS**

- 3. General Manager's report:
  - Lite-Up Texas low income discount program,
  - metro taxes collected from southern Williamson County residential customers,
  - downtown network outage on September 11, 2016,
  - upcoming procurements: residential meters, on-site energy resources (district cooling) upgrades.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Jackie Sargent, General Manager; Andrea Rose, Law Department; and Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery, provided the update. Discussion included the timing of refunds to southern Williamson County residential customers, communication with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority regarding the taxes collected and reimbursement, functionality of the residential meters to be installed, and timing of the meter replacement.

4. Presentation of the Austin Energy Monthly Performance Measure Dashboard and the Fiscal Year 2016 Third Quarter Report.

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Mark Dombroski, Chief Financial Officer, made the presentation. Discussion included the costs of power generation in relation to the costs of consumption, possibly adding a goal regarding vehicle electrification, and clarifying some of the goals.

5. Briefing regarding upcoming bond refinancing.

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Mark Dombroski provided the briefing. Discussion included the reasons why the amount of expected savings from the bond refinancing is so large.

# **FUTURE ITEMS**

6. Discussion of future agenda items.

Requested future agenda items included rates for businesses with demand between 10 kW and 20 kW, rate impacts for the smallest houses of worship, and lighting in parks.

# **ADJOURN**

Chair Gallo adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 30th day of November 2016 on Vice Chair Pool's motion, Council Member Casar's second on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Renteria, Troxclair, and Zimmerman were off the dais.