



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2018**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 1:57 p.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Leslie Pool, Chair  
Mayor Steve Adler, Vice Chair  
Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Delia Garza  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair  
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

**Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Ann Kitchen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting were approved on Council Member Garza’s motion, and Council Member Troxclair’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and Council Members Casar, Flannigan, and Kitchen 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 spoke about Texas Gas Service’s rebates for natural gas appliances, and said that he was appealing the company’s proposed conservation rate.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **3. General Manager's report:**

- **Upcoming contracts to be brought to Council for approval: impartial hearing officer services, engineering services for Electric Service Delivery, data backup services, tertiary collection services for delinquent accounts**
- **Moonlight tower maintenance update**
- **Innovation update: advanced distribution management system (ADMS)**
- **Awards and recognition of Austin Energy employees.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report, and Art Gonzalez, Principal Engineer, provided a demonstration of the advanced distribution management system (ADMS). Discussion included capabilities of the ADMS and use by other municipalities, public recognition of the moonlight towers, and the scope of the contract for hearing officer services.

### **4. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market update.**

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Khalil Shalabi, Vice President of Strategy, Technology, and Market Operations, provided the update. Discussion included predictions for future summers, interaction of renewable and thermal generation with increased market costs, planning for the retirement of Decker and Fayette from the generation portfolio, profile of wind and solar generation, and renewable tax credit sunset timing.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **5. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

Future agenda item requests included the committee meeting calendar for next year.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Pool adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m. without objection.