



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2019**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance:

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair
Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair
Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

Committee Members absent:

Council Member Alison Alter
Council Member Paige Ellis
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved on Council Member Renteria’s motion, and Vice Chair Pool’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Garza, and Council Members Alter, Ellis, Flannigan, and Harper-Madison were off the dais.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- 2. A maximum of five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address topics not posted for committee action. Speakers may also sign up for specific items that the committee may take action on.**

There were two speakers:

- Al Braden spoke about Resolution Number 20140828-157, the 2017 generation plan update, and distributed a spreadsheet listing Austin Energy’s generation sources. He said there should be a robust public process updating our generation plan this summer.

- Paul Robbins spoke about the surplus in Customer Assistance Program (CAP) funds and issues with auto enrollment. He suggested increasing the discount for CAP customers in the first two usage tiers from 10% to 15%.

BRIEFINGS

3. General Manager's report:

- **Upcoming recommendations for Council action: purchase power agreement for solar energy, eminent domain, line clearance, substation air switches, network storage products and services, utility pump maintenance, Utility Contact Center quality monitoring services, mobile customer outreach trailer.**
- **Suspended time-of-use rate.**
- **Recent awards.**

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

Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report.

4. Decker workforce planning.

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Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, and Monika Arvelo, Assistant Director, Human Resources Department, provided the update. Discussion included the possibility of placing all of the affected employees into other positions and opportunities open to affected employees.

5. Second quarter Fiscal Year 2019 operations report highlights including vegetation management.

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Charles Dickerson provided the report highlights. Discussion included the necessity of adequate vegetation management.

6. Second quarter Fiscal Year 2019 financial report highlights.

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Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer, provided the report highlights. Discussion included reasons for higher than expected expenses, line congestion effects on prices, and importance of the credit rating improvement.

7. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market update and summer readiness.

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Erika Bierschbach, Vice President of Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning, provided the update. Discussion included the expected impact of the upcoming solar purchase power agreement on power supply adjustment costs.

FUTURE ITEMS

8. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Decker workforce planning and janitorial services were requested as future agenda items.

ADJOURN

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 19th day of June 2019 on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, and Council Member Ellis' second, on an 8-0 vote. Council Members Casar, Harper-Madison, and Renteria were off the dais.