



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/28/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of a contract with THE STATE OF TEXAS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES for the purchase of a 0.097 acre distribution easement located at the southwest corner of West 45th Street and Guadalupe Street, on the Austin State Hospital land, in an amount not to exceed \$84,596.40.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Fowler, Manager, Real Estate Services / 322-6107

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Austin Energy desires to purchase a .097 acre distribution easement for the installation of distribution facilities in conjunction with the substation being constructed on the Austin State Hospital property. On January 16, 2003, Council approved the purchase of a 1.79 acre substation easement for the installation of a 4-unit substation to replace the North Substation on Grooms Street and to relieve development pressures in the Austin State Hospital area. Due to congestion with other existing utilities, Austin Energy is unable to place a critical ductbank in the West 45th Street right-of-way. Consequently, this distribution easement is needed in order to install the ductbank necessary to connect the new substation with the overhead electric lines along West 45th Street.

Austin Energy and the Department of State Health Services have agreed to the price based on the appraisal prepared by Morgan Bebee for the entire property.

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

4/28/2005

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Distribution**
Project Authorization: 2004-2005 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 215,597,444.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 11,711,155.15
Amount of This Action		<u>(84,596.40)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 11,626,558.75</u>

Use of Remaining Balance:

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

Director, Planning and Budget Signature: 

Date: 4/5/05