

AUSTIN GENERATION RESOURCE PLANNING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
(Wednesday, September 16, 2009)



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The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 in Room 1029 at City Hall in Austin, Texas from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Chair Phillip Schmandt called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Chair Phillip Schmandt, Cary Ferchill (arrived at approx. 3:10 p.m.), Chris Herbert (arrived at approx. 3:10 p.m.), Matt Johnson, Mike Sloan, Cyrus Reed, Ron Rogerson, John Sutton, and Roger Wood

-Quorum was recognized.

Staff in Attendance:

Rich Bailey, Adrienne Brandt, Mark Dreyfus, Barksdale English, Amy Everhart, Jawana Gutierrez, Lewis Leff, Jamie Mitchell, Michael Osborne, Kerry Overton, Chris Smith, Pat Sweeney, and John Wester

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Task Force meeting on September 9, 2009 was approved on John Sutton's motion, Cyrus Reed's second on a 7-0 vote.

3. PRESENTATION

Presentation and discussion with low-income/affordable housing representatives Carol Biedrzycki, Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy, and Deacon Ron Walker, Diocese of Austin. Other citizens present at meeting were encouraged to engage in the discussion. Lanetta Cooper and Randy Chapman voiced concerns. Packets of information were provided and discussed by each presenter. Concern regarding the ability of low-income households to afford the potential increase in electric bills was expressed by the presenters. The Task Force requested Austin Energy to provide information on assessments that have been made to date on the energy needs of low-income households. Task Force asked the presenters to examine the various scenarios and provide their comments.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

Discussion on scenarios submitted by the Task Force. Responses from Austin Energy to scenarios submitted by Task Force were provided in hard copy.

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5. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on submission of scenarios for evaluation by Pace Consulting. Suggested components of new scenario(s) included: 1000 MW of DSM by 2020, 500 MW of customer-sited solar PV, 1000 MW of customer-sited solar PV, replacing and/or running down FPP, taking out 50 MW of biomass, breaking from current biomass contract, and greater investment in renewable energy sources. No action taken. Item requested to be taken up again at the next Task Force meeting.

Discussion on information requests to date. Responses from Austin Energy to information requests approved by Task Force at September 9th meeting were provided in hard copy.

Discussion on new information requests. Submission to Austin Energy of Matt Johnson's information request submitted on September 16, 2009 on FPP legal and contract issues passed on Cyrus Reed's motion, Matt Johnson's second on a 9-0 vote. Action on Mike Sloan's information request submitted on September 16, 2009 deferred to the next Task Force meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of submission of scenarios to Pace Consulting and discussion of recommendations circulated by Phillip Schmandt and other process or similar recommendations suggested by Task Force members requested to be placed on next week's agenda.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 1029 of City Hall.

ADJOURN

Chair Phillip Schmandt adjourned the meeting at approx. 5:10 p.m. without objection.