

AUSTIN GENERATION RESOURCE PLANNING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
(Wednesday, September 30, 2009)



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The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 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. 3:20 p.m.), Matt Johnson, Cyrus Reed, Ron Rogerson, John Sutton (arrived at approx. 3:17 p.m.), and Roger Wood

-Quorum was recognized.

Staff in Attendance:

Rich Bailey, Adrienne Brandt, Amy Everhart, Lewis Leff, Michael Osborne, Chris Smith, Jeff Vice, and John Wester

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None. However, Carol Biedrzycki, Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy attended most of the meeting and provided feedback and input on recommendations regarding weatherization programs for low income customers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Task Force meeting on September 23, 2009 was approved on Cyrus Reed's motion, Ron Rogerson's second on a 5-0 vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on process for concluding the work of the Task Force and establishing a goal for the date on which the Task Force will issue its final recommendations. The following timeline was proposed and agreed upon by the Task Force:

September 30, 2009 Meeting: Discuss recommendations previously circulated by Chair Phillip Schmandt;

October 7, 2009 Meeting: Focus on results of scenario runs submitted to Pace Consulting by the Task Force and compare to other scenarios, including time for questions to Pace Consultants by phone;

October 14, 2009: Continue discussion of scenarios and additional recommendation and determine if Task Force is ready for vote on scenarios and additional recommendations.

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Any vote on additional recommendations to be on a per-paragraph basis to identify any paragraphs that the entire Task Force has consensus on.

October 21, 2009: If no vote on either the scenarios or the additional recommendations was taken on October 14, discuss and vote on remaining undecided issues.

The Task Force agreed by consensus that any Task Force Member was entitled to attach a minority report to the recommendations and scenario recommended by the Task Force. Several members of the Task Force suggested that any member wishing to submit a minority report should have precise text ready prior to October 14, or October 21, as applicable, so it can be considered and voted on by the entire Task Force but no formal action was taken on this point.

The Task Force discussed the recommendations previously circulated by Task Force Chair Phillip Schmandt and proposed revisions to those recommendations by Cyrus Reed and Matt Johnson, which were distributed in hard copy form. The Task Force also discussed the recommendations submitted via e-mail by Ron Rogerson and Roger Wood prior to the meeting. Cary Ferchill was designated to make revisions to the draft recommendations and provide an updated draft to the Task Force by the next Task Force meeting. Roger Wood, Ron Rogerson and Phillip Schmandt to work on proposed text regarding possible cost goals of the generation plan.

Information Requests. The Task Force asked that Austin Energy staff provide feedback at the next Task Force meeting to Ron Rogerson's proposed language regarding a reliability assessment. Cary Ferchill requested that Austin Energy provide data comparing electric rates for Austin Energy and other Texas electric utilities over the past 10 years for all classes, but only to the extent this information is readily available. A formal request for this information by the Task Force was tabled for one week to see if the information is still needed to consider the cost goals recommendations to be made by Roger Wood, Ron Rogerson and Phillip Schmandt.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on screening analysis results of scenario runs submitted to Pace Consulting by the Task Force and discussion on updated recommendations of the Task Force with revisions by Cary Ferchill requested to be placed on next week's agenda, as well as staff feedback to the proposed reliability assessments.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 1029 of City Hall.

ADJOURN

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