



February 13, 2014

Memorandum

To: Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, and Council Members
CC: Electric Utility Commission and Resource Management Commission
From: Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee
RE: Austin Energy Generation Resource Planning Task Force Appointments

The Austin Neighborhoods Council is pleased that the Council is establishing the Austin Energy Generation Resource Planning Task Force. We believe that this citizen committee will offer greater opportunity for public input and more thorough analysis of the important energy decisions facing our utility. We are especially pleased that residential ratepayers and low-income ratepayers will be represented on the Task Force and that expertise in renewable energy and environmental issues will be a priority when making appointments. After having examined the qualifications of several of the advocates who have submitted their names for consideration, **we recommend** appointing the following well qualified candidates to the Task Force:

Kaiba White of Public Citizen as a residential ratepayer advocate. Public Citizen has a long history of consumer protection advocacy, including during the last Austin Energy rate case. Kaiba's analysis skills and energy expertise, as well as her commitment to the community will make her an excellent member of the Task Force.

Ruby Roa of Texas Low-Income Information Services as the low-income ratepayer advocate. Ruby is a passionate advocate for Austin's working poor and has worked to expand Austin Energy's Customer Assistance Program (CAP). Having worked at Austin Energy for 27 years, she will provide the Task Force with valuable perspective and knowledge.

David Dixon of Native, Inc. as a renewable energy expert. David has expertise in green building, renewable energy systems and data analysis that will be valuable when evaluating sustainable options for Austin Energy. David has shown a willingness and ability to bring people together to work towards common goals, which will be valuable on the Task Force.

Cyrus Reed of Lone Star Sierra Club as the environmental advocate. Sierra Club is well known for its efforts to improve the health of our community by advocating for clean air, energy and water. Cyrus has considerable energy expertise that will be valuable to the Task Force, especially because of his participation with the Texas electric grid operator, ERCOT, and his prior service on the 2009 Generation Resource Planning Task Force.

While it is our understanding that the Electric Utility Commission and the Resource Management Commission will each select which of their members will represent those

bodies on the Task Force, we would like to include our support for **Clay Butler** and **Carol Biedrzycki** as those representatives.

While the ANC is not seeking a place on the Task Force, we intend to remain engaged in the process, and we urge you to appoint the qualified members of our community that we have recommended to the Austin Energy Generation Resource Planning Task Force. Thank you for your attention to these recommendations. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Ingle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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