

# My reasons for participating in the task force

- Keep Austin Energy from being privatized.
  - Maintain local control in general
  - Keep Austin City Council leadership in place
  - Safeguard city revenue stream
- Make sure electric rates and programs allow those with financial hardships to afford needed electricity service.
- Invest in the infrastructure capacity needed for reliable/affordable for all customer classes
- Choose infrastructure investments that wisely balances the needs to protect the environment and while meeting capacity requirements.

# My perception of our work to date

- Scenarios brought forward have an emphasis on environmental improvements
  - Many scenarios
  - The differences are not yet quantified in terms of cost, environmental impact, technical issues etc.
  - All the factors are in constant flux.
  - We need to offer the greatest level of flexibility
- More input from industrial, governmental, and low income advocates is essential
- We need to focus on creating an executive summary draft which will be constantly updated as data comes in

# Executive level questions for Council

- Can we execute the plan as it exists?
- Is the plan, as it exists, affordable?
  - Recent rate agreements
  - Changes to cost projections
  - Technology advances
- Does the plan, as it exists, meet projected demand?
- Assuming we execute the plan, as it exists, what are its shortcomings?
- Are changes necessary? Are changes desirable?
- What does the legislature think about the existing plan? Do we care?
- Will proposed changes help or hurt the legislature's view of Austin Energy.
- What are the compelling reasons to make any changes at all to the existing plan?
  - Protection of Austin Energy as a City owned utility.
  - Cost/Affordability
  - Capacity/Reliability
  - Environmental

# Current Plan

- 1- Commencing a third party economic and environmental review to replace the Decker steam units and Fayette Power Plant as described in Appendix A.
  - 2- Supporting creation of a cash reserve fund for Fayette Power Project retirement. Reserves would be approved through the budgeting process and targeted to retire Austin's share of the plant beginning in 2022. Retiring Austin's portion of Fayette is contingent upon cash available to pay off debts and other costs associated with retirement while maintaining affordability.
  - 3- Issuing a Request for Proposal for up to 600MW of utility scale solar to commence the process towards a generation portfolio consisting of 55 percent renewable energy.
  - 4- Maintaining the current goal of 800 MW of energy efficiency and Demand Response by 2020, and adding an incremental 100 MW of Demand Response to achieve a total of at least 900 MW of Demand Side Management (DSM) by 2025.
  - 5- Developing an implementation plan for distribution connected local storage of at least 10 MW complemented by as much as 20 MW of thermal storage.
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- The Plan also recommends the following contingent upon further study, technological development, progress towards goals and rate adjustments or restructuring:
    - 1- An additional 100 MW of Demand Response or energy efficiency to increase the DSM achieved to 1000 MW by 2025.
    - 2- Issuing an RFI for 170 MW of large scale storage such as Compressed Air Energy Storage.