

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Strategic Partnerships

AGENDA DATE: April 12, 2021

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Presentation and update by El Paso Electric Company on progress toward the completion of the Renewable Generation Study as required by Ordinance No. 019022.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the approved franchise agreement (Ordinance No. 019022), El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") is required to complete a Renewable Generation Study no later than the end of July 2021. The purpose of this item is to provide City Council and the public with an update toward the completion of that study, as well as obtain feedback on the study and its deliverables. The Renewable Generation Study must cover, but is not limited to, the following seven items:

1. The technical feasibility of integrating utility-scale renewable generation into EPE's utility system and the changes and impacts to EPE's transmission and distribution system;
2. Possible costs and operational impacts related to the integration of utility-scale renewable generation into EPE's Texas service territory;
3. Legislative or regulatory changes, if any, that may be required to increase utility scale renewable generation in EPE's Texas service territory and the legislative strategies necessary to implement such changes;
4. Potential voluntary renewable generation program offerings to allow customers to increase their use of renewable resources within the Texas service territory;
5. Reasonable commitments EPE can make to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio;
6. Grant opportunities for EPE, the City, or both to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio; and
7. Potential renewable generation programs to assist with low-income assistance programs such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or additional incentives for distributed generation.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On February 4, 2020, the City Council approved an amendment to its franchise agreement with EPE (Ordinance No. 019022). The amendment includes a requirement that EPE complete a Renewable Generation Study containing the above 7 deliverables no later than one year after its acquisition by Sun Jupiter. In addition, the franchise agreement requires EPE to update the City

Council no less than twice annually on its progress toward the renewable generation commitments, opportunities, and goals identified by the Study.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

******* REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION *******

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