



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-1686, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

5/21/2026

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify a contract for electric system restoration services for Austin Energy with Collective Strategic Resources, LLC d/b/a Collective Strategic Resources, in the amount of \$95,000. Funding: \$95,000 was available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Financial Services.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$95,000 was available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Procurement Language:**

Ratification.

### **MBE/WBE:**

Ratifications to existing contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The ratification is to cover emergency electric system restoration services provided by Collective Strategic Resources, LLC dba Collective Strategic Resources (CSR) to support Austin Energy (AE) during the winter weather event.

On January 24, 2026, a winter weather event was forecasted to impact AE's service territory and customer base with anticipated accumulation of one-quarter to one-half inch of ice. In anticipation of extended outages, and as part of AE's Phase Restoration approach, AE activated its Incident Management Team and secured additional resources to safely and promptly respond to customer impacts. CSR responded immediately and deployed crews and equipment to support AE. Over the course of the event, a combination of precipitation, ice and lightning resulted in customer outages and broken power poles. The storm impacted 5438 customers across all city council districts with the bulk outages occurring in Districts 3 and 10.

Given the urgent need, AE proceeded with the emergency electric system restoration services prior to obtaining Council approval to ensure continuity of operations. This ratification acknowledges the incurred

expenses and requests approval of the contract issued for these emergency services.