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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Jackie A. Sargent, General Manager *JAS*

**DATE:** January 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** January 26, 2023 Council Agenda Item Regarding Amending Ordinance No. 20221208-004 Related to Austin Energy Base Rates

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On December 8, 2022, Council approved Ordinance No. 20221208-004 establishing revised electric base rates and charges for Austin Energy. These rates are set to become effective on March 1, 2023. In reviewing the tariffs attached to the ordinance, certain inadvertent and incorrect changes to some non-base rate charges (i.e. pass-through rates and service area lighting) were identified. In addition, several non-substantive issues such as formatting and typographical errors were identified that have been corrected.

The tariffs adopted on December 8, 2022 should have only reflected changes to base rates. Accordingly, Council action adopting a new ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20221208-004 is necessary to correct these errors. Neither base rates, nor any of the issues within the scope of the 2022 Base Rate Review, are impacted by these revisions. Furthermore, this is not an occasion to reconsider base rates or initiate further substantive action.

This ministerial action will prevent implementation of the inadvertent errors in the initial ordinance and preserve the rates previously approved by Council. Stated differently, Council action is needed to adopt accurate tariffs reflecting the decisions made by City Council on December 8, 2022. Moreover, failure to take action will result in unintended charges to customers.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager, City of Austin