



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3787, Agenda Item #: 2.

1/26/2023

Posting Language:

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-9 (*Utility Service Regulations*) to add a section relating to installation of socket-mounted transfer switch devices between the City's electric meter and customer-owned service terminal and creating an offense.

Lead Department:

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note:

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

Lisa Martin, Vice President, Electric Systems Engineering & Technology Services (512) 322-6457; Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Affairs (512) 322-6087.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Hopkins and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

This proposed amendment to Austin City Code Chapter 15-9, Utility Service Regulations, will allow customers to have backup generation more easily and affordably in outage emergencies.

Transfer switches are currently allowed when installed outside the main service. The "socket-mounted transfer switch device" may allow residential customers an additional resiliency option to connect to a manufacturer approved backup generation source during a prolonged power outage emergency.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.