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Austin Energy Joins CA Registry – Shows Support for Unique Program

First municipal utility outside of California to participate in program

AUSTIN, Texas – Austin Energy has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. Austin Energy is the first municipal utility outside of California to participate in this rigorous program. As a member, Austin Energy will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

Working to reduce GHG emissions and improve energy efficiency is a core component of Austin Energy's business. For the last three years, Austin Energy has topped all U.S. utilities in sales of renewable energy. More than 9,000 homeowners and 400 businesses participate in their green power program *GreenChoice* – and 90% of the companies have opted to buy renewable energy exclusively. Austin Energy also owns the nation's first Green Building Program, and is home to one of the nation's most comprehensive residential and commercial energy efficiency programs.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"Decision-making in our community is guided by a quality-of-life emphasis," says Austin Mayor Will Wynn. "And our electric utility, Austin Energy, is the standard bearer for that commitment through initiative and vision that is demonstrated over and over through significant environmental actions and achievements."

"Although Austin Energy has no GHG emissions in California, it recognizes the value of rigorous, consistent GHG measurement and reporting represented by the California Registry" said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry. "Joining the Registry is a natural next step for Austin Energy, a proven leader in reducing GHG emissions and promoting clean energy."

Austin Energy is the nation's 10th largest community-owned electric utility. It serves 360,000 customers and a population of more than 800,000. Austin Energy's portfolio includes nuclear, coal, natural gas and renewable energy sources for a total of 2,600 MW of generation.

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The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 65 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org

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