

Resource Planning Questions for Austin Energy

1. LCRA negotiations

1. Has Austin Energy had any negotiation meetings with the LCRA since November 2023?

Austin Energy cannot publicly disclose the status of or legal strategy regarding its negotiations with LCRA.

2. Is there still an active NDA between AE and the LCRA that pertains to negotiations?

No, but the prior NDA applies to the previous discussions.

3. Has AE expressed any lessons learned or changes in strategy from the previous negotiation failures with LCRA to continue moving this process forward?

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2. Fayette budgeting and expenses

1. Has Austin Energy made any changes to its approach to voting on budgets and capital expenditures as part of the Fayette Management Committee?

Yes, budget and capital expenditures are approved to the extent they are necessary to support safe, reliable operation. Expenditures that would be solely limited to extension of the plant's useful life are approached differently.

2. Are there any upcoming capital improvements scheduled for Fayette? If so, what are the projected costs and timelines?

Within the budget, there is always some amount of expense that is treated as capital cost. Project costs and timelines are competitively sensitive information exempt from disclosure.

3. Impact of regulations:

1. What does Austin Energy project the regulatory, operational and financial impact of the EPA's Proposed Carbon Pollution Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants will be on Fayette?

In May 2023, EPA published a proposed rule to limit emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from fossil fuel-fired power plants under sections 111(b) and 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The proposed rule would require existing coal-fired power plants, including Fayette Power Project (FPP), to meet specific GHG emissions limits based on if and when the plant commits to formally ceasing operations. Beyond each retirement date threshold of 2032, 2035 and 2040, more stringent emission limits would be implemented, with the most restrictive limits for plants that announce no formal retirement date.

While it is difficult to assess specific impacts based on the proposed rule, as the details of the final rule may be substantively different (expected Spring 2024), the basic structure of the rule would require FPP to configure some combination of a committed retirement date and/or GHG emissions controls which would incur both operational and financial impacts.

2. **Has Austin Energy submitted comments on the proposed rule or does it plan to do so before the August 8 deadline?**

No.

3. **Has Austin Energy moved forward with additional water testing at the Fayette site, per Austin City Council direction? If so, what has been done and what are the results? If not, why not?**

There is an advisory team made up of environmental professionals from various City departments to work on this issue. They put together a scope of work based on Council's directive. Weston Solutions has been retained to implement the scope of work, with the first phase currently underway.

4. Financial assistance:

1. Is Austin Energy looking at any specific funds from federal legislation, such as the IRA and IIJA (including DOE Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing loans), that could provide financial support for shutting down the Fayette coal plant?

Austin Energy is evaluating funding opportunities available in the IRA and IIJA for a variety of projects.

5. Fayette workforce:

1. How many people are employed at Fayette?

The employees are LCRA employees they consider those numbers to be competitive information.

2. How many employees would no longer be needed at the plant if one unit is shut down?

Austin Energy does not have this information.

3. How many of those are near retirement vs. needing or wanting to continue to work?

Austin Energy has no ability to ascertain this information.

6. Data requests

1. Monthly capacity factors by unit for Fayette for the past 10 years.

This information is not readily available.

2. Annual emissions of all air pollutants, including greenhouse gas emissions for the past 10 years.

For Criteria Pollutants:

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/air-quality/point-source/2014_2021statesum.xlsx

Filter by "RN100226844" for Fayette

Filter by "RN1002150152" for Sand Hill

Filter by "RN100219872" for Decker

Filter by "RN103219127" for Nacogdoches

For GHG Emissions: Search the FLIGHT database by the name of the facility
<https://ghgdata.epa.gov/ghgp/service/facilityDetail/2021?id=1007153&ds=E&et=&popup=true>

3. Annual AE renewable energy production as a percentage of AE load for the past 10 years.

Year	Renewable Generation as a Percentage of Load
CY13	20%
CY14	22%
CY15	26%
CY16	30%
CY17	37%
CY18	37%
CY19	38%
CY20	44%
CY21	50%
CY22	51%

4. Annual AE renewable energy production time-aligned with AE load for the past 10 years.
This information is not readily available.