

“We need to create a green economy that Dr. King would be proud of... and you have the power to do that.”

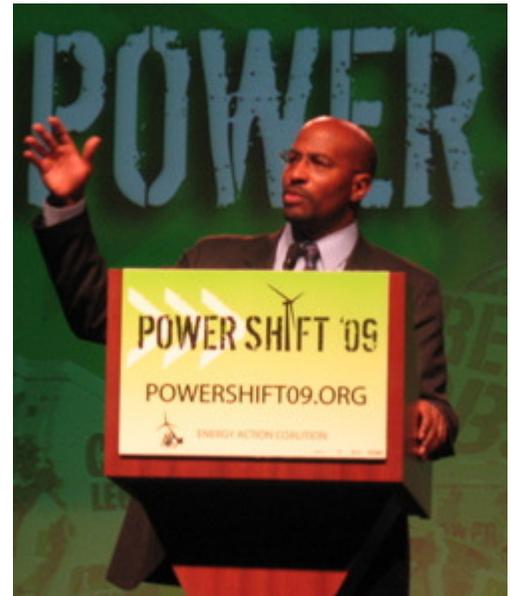
“But the challenge is, will you settle for eco-apartheid? Will you settle for green for some?”

“Let’s hear it – all for green and green for all!”

-VAN JONES

Author of

The Green Collar Economy



Making Austin a Green Economy City Starts Now

The *Clean Energy for Austin* coalition supports an energy plan for Austin that ensures Austin Energy will invest in new energy resources that minimize the impact for those who are least able to pay their electric bill.

The plan emphasizes creating independent low-cost power locally through energy efficiency and locally-generated renewable power, creating a market for new “green” jobs, from solar installers, to energy efficiency and construction jobs, to engineering and even to new manufacturing jobs in the Austin area. Having a plan that supports economic development while lowering bills is a win-win for the environment and for the economy.

The plan supported by *Clean Energy for Austin* is the result of two years of input from the public, businesses, and stakeholders around the city. It doesn’t over-emphasize high-tech jobs the way past economic development plans have. This plan will make “being green” accessible to all and will give everyone a chance to play a role in moving our city and our economy forward.

A Green and Affordable Energy Plan for Austin

Keeping energy bills low is important to everyone. That’s why we support Austin Energy’s generation plan in addition to special recommendations made by the city’s Generation Resource Planning Task Force.

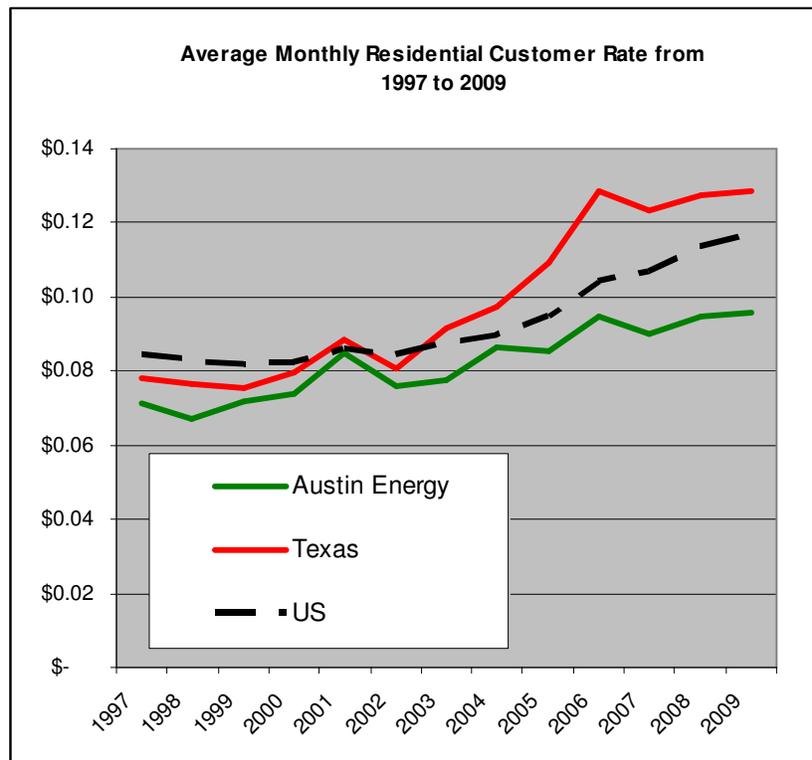
Here are specific steps Austin Energy will take if we adopt the plan and recommendations:

- **Home Weatherizations** - Programs for low-income residents will go neighborhood-by-neighborhood, improving home energy efficiency, which **saves Texas families \$431 every year** on average.
- **Bringing Outside Money to Austin** – Austin will seek out funding opportunities like Recovery Act grants to boost efforts already underway in low income communities. To date Austin Energy has received \$5.8 million in federal grants to expand these efforts.

- **Control Costs Through Bi-Annual Review** – Austin will use public forums **every two years** to ensure costs are controlled and not unduly burdening ratepayers.
- **Assistance for Renters** - Austinites who **rent their living space** but do not have the authority to improve the energy efficiency of their apartments will receive special assistance.
- **Inclusion in the Planning Process** - Future generation planning will include representatives from low-income consumers and local communities.

Austin Energy has a Proven Track-Record on Low Rates

Austin’s electric rates are among the lowest in Texas. Adopting this plan would help keep Austin’s commercial and residential electric rates among the lowest in the state and the country.



This chart shows the average annual residential electric rates for Austin Energy, the State of Texas and the United States over the last 12 years. Through conservation and wise investment choices Austin Energy has kept prices low despite record fossil fuel price increases in the last decade.

Endorse the Plan and Make Austin a Green Economy Leader!

To learn more about the energy plan, the special recommendations made by the city’s task force visit www.cleanenergyforaustin.org. We also invite you to sign on as a supporter, whether as a business, individual, non-profit or community leader.

Let’s continue to make Austin a great place to live and work.