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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RATE FAIRNESS BOARD
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Minutes of Special Meeting
 Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 (Approved April 29, 2024)**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

In-person Meeting: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 2nd Floor, Yosemite Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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44 **MEETING AGENDA**

45 *Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for April 10, 2024; Draft Special*
46 *Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2024; “Proposed updates to the CleanPowerSF*
47 *Net Energy Metering (NEM) Tariff”; “Discussion on final CleanPowerSF Rate*
48 *Tariffs”; “Discussion on final Hetch Hetchy Power Rate Tariffs”*

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50 **1. Call to Order**

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52 *The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called*
53 *to order at 10:03 AM in-person and via teleconference.*

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55 **2. Roll Call**

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Member Name/Title	Appointed By
Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer	Board of Supervisors
Masood Samereie, Vice Chair, City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
Trisha McMahan, Budget and Planning Manager	City Administrator
Calvin Quock, Budget and Revenue Analyst	Controller's Office
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
<i>Vacant</i> , City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
Eric Dew, Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office

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Roll Call:

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- *Present: Vice-Chair Samereie, Member McMahan, Member Trivedi, Member Quock, Member Dew*

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61 **3. General Public Comment**

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Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on matters that are within the Board’s jurisdiction but not on today’s agenda.

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65 *Public Comment: No public comment*

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67 **4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2024**

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(Discussion and Action)

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Member McMahan noted that minutes were not previously amended and asked for the language of amendment to be removed from minutes.

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73 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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The minutes of the special meeting of March 22, 2024, were adopted as amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by Member McMahan.

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79 *Roll Call Vote:*

- 80 • *Ayes: Vice-Chair Samereie, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi,*
81 *Member Quock, Member Dew*

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84 **5. Report of the Chair (Discussion)**

85 **a. Proposed updates to the CleanPowerSF Net Energy Metering**
86 **(NEM) Tariff**

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88 *Andrew Bevington, CleanPowerSF(CPSF) customer solutions*
89 *supervisor, introduces presentation for proposed changes to*
90 *CleanPowerSF net energy metering tariff. Ross Nakasone presents*
91 *slides to review Net Energy Metering (NEM), Net Billing Tariff, and the*
92 *proposed updates.*

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94 *R. Nakasone explains NEM is for customers with on-site renewable*
95 *energy systems like solar who earn credits for exporting energy. The*
96 *Net Billing Tariff (NBT) is introduced as NEM's successor as adopted by*
97 *the CPUC.*

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99 *Updates to the NEM tariff include accommodating NBT customers on*
100 *CPSF's NEM tariff until if and when CPSF adopts a successor tariff.*

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102 *Member Dew asks if NEM customers are residential or business*
103 *customers. R. Nakasone confirms that most NEM customers are mostly*
104 *residential. Member Dew asks if SPUC is examining storage programs*
105 *for energy collected from customers from the grid. A. Bevington*
106 *confirms that CPSF is looking at storage procurement but is mostly*
107 *focused on keeping the energy on the grid and is customer focused.*

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109 *Discussion continued between PUC staff and members on updates for*
110 *NEM Tariff updates.*

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112 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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114 **b. Discussion on final CleanPowerSF Rate Tariffs**

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116 *Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, presents slides on*
117 *CleanPowerSF(CPSF) Rate Tariffs. M. Freiberg provides an overview*
118 *of CPSF whose rate classes match those of PG&E and charges for*
119 *generation. Staff's proposal includes an 8.5% rate adjustment with*
120 *updated cost of service allocations to customer classes.*

121 *M. Freiberg discusses considerations when calculating the rate*
122 *adjustments that will produce sufficient revenue that will meet rate*
123 *requirement and reasonable bill impacts.*

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125 *Staff presents slides of impacted rate schedules and comparisons to*
126 *PG&E rates. Discussion continues between staff and members*

127 regarding rate updates and specific changes to the range of rate
128 schedules.

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130 *M. Freiberg reminds board of upcoming timeline for proposals to*
131 *commission meeting for adoption of rates. Members discuss scheduling*
132 *a subsequent meeting to create a letter with recommendations for*
133 *commission on May 14th meeting. Members express support for rate*
134 *proposals presented by staff and agree to meet and create a*
135 *recommendation for the commission.*

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137 *Member Quock asks the process if a customer disagrees with their tier*
138 *assignment. Eric Corvinova, Financial Planning Director, answers that*
139 *the customer may request a review of their account to confirm correct*
140 *rate class. Periodic reviews are also conducted of all customers.*

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142 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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144 **c. Discussion on final Hetch Hetchy Power Rate Tariffs**

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146 *Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, presents slides on Hetch Hetchy*
147 *Power rates. M. Freiberg provides an overview on the different rates*
148 *used and the customers. The proposed changes to Hetch Hetchy*
149 *Power include rate structure adjustments, increase of General Use*
150 *rates, increase to retail rates, and an update to Tuolumne County rates.*
151 *Rate structure adjustments involve consolidation of enterprise and retail*
152 *rates, elimination of metered residential rate, and restructuring of the*
153 *Shoreside Power Rates.*

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155 *Member Dew asks of impact on tourism and Port regarding changes to*
156 *Shoreside Power Rates. Erin Corvinova, Financial Planning Director,*
157 *confirms that there is existing communication with Port touching on*
158 *concerns of impacts to tourism and tenants.*

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160 *Staff shares final proposed rates for all customer schedules and*
161 *discussion continues between staff and board regarding Hetch Hetchy*
162 *rate tariffs and varying impacts to the range of customers.*

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165 **6. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)**

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167 *Member Quock excuses himself from the next in-person Rate Fairness*
168 *Board meeting and announces that Jesse Macias will attend in his*
169 *place while he still plans to join remotely.*

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171 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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173 **7. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.

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177 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
178 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at
179 RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to
180 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are
181 available on-line at [http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-](http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-units/board-)
182 [units/board-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board) [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
183 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).
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185 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
186 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
187 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
188 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
189 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
190 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
191 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
192 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
193 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
194 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
195 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
196 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)
197 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
198 producing electronic devices.

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200 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,
201 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct
202 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
203 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For
204 information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the
205 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,
206 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett
207 Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone at (415) 554-7724; fax at
208 (415) 554-7854; or by e-mail at soft@sfgov.org.

209 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter
210 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
211 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

212 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助/ Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
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214 Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援/ 무료 언어 / 지원 / การช่วยเหลือ
215 ยี่ห้อ ี ทังภ“ษ“โดยไมค้ ส่วยค้ำใจจ้ าย/ Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog ยเหลือ ี

216 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
217 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
218 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &
219 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
220 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
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222 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San
223 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
224 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

225 **Explanatory documents** that have been provided to the Board in connection
226 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at
227 [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
228 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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