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

Minutes of Special Meeting
Friday, March 17, 2023, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
(Approved April 11, 2023)

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, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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MEETING AGENDA

Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2023; Draft Special Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CleanPowerSF Rates Setting presentation; Stormwater Credit Program presentation; 2023 Water & Wastewater Rate Study: Staff Recommendation presentation; Draft SFPUC Rate Fairness Board Bylaws

1. Call to Order

The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called to order at 1:32 PM in-person and via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

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Roll Call:
- Present: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi

3. General Public Comment

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.

Public Comment: None

4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023

(Discussion and Action)

Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns. There were no comments from the Board.

Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel requested to correct the spelling of his name. Mr. Pilpel also suggested to move line 74 – “Public Comment: None” prior to line 71 – “Roll-call Vote.”

Chair Ash agreed to make the correction of moving line 74 prior to line 71.
The minutes of the special meeting of February 7, 2023, were adopted, as amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by Chair Ash.

Roll Call Vote:
- Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi

5. Report of the Chair

a. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CleanPowerSF Rates Setting
   (Presentation and Discussion)
   Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap, SFPUC Principal Revenue/Rates Analyst

   Yee Nwe (Ma Yee) Yap presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CleanPowerSF Rates Setting. Presentation included the following topics: CleanPowerSF rates landscape, rate schedules, rate study process, FY 2023-24 rates setting, and upcoming milestones. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.

   The Board Members requested information about whether it was a good idea to only adopt one year of rates, and whether the last year of having lower rates than PG&E caused any customers to return to CleanPowerSF.

   Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel suggested to incorporate comments from the public who participated in the integrated resource plan and had thoughts that are relevant to power rates.

b. Stormwater Credit Program
   (Presentation and Discussion)
   Blake Hihara, SFPUC Stormwater Credit Program Lead
   Will Logsdon, SFPUC Utility Analyst

   Blake Hihara and Will Logsdon presented on the Stormwater Credit Program. Presentation included the following topics: overview of stormwater charge rate structure, recommended stormwater credit program, SFPUC available resources, and next steps for the program. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.

   Chair Ash suggested presenting the change in rate structure without rate increases to isolate the impact of the stormwater charge alone in graphs.

   Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had various questions and comments on the stormwater revenue and implementation.
c. **2023 Water & Wastewater Rate Study: Staff Recommendation**

(Presentation and Discussion)

Matthew Freiberg, SFPUC Principal Revenue/Rates Analyst

Matthew Freiberg presented the 2023 Water & Wastewater Rate Study: Staff Recommendation. Presentation included the following topics: review the final rates package that will go to the Commission for adoption on May 9th, wastewater rate recommendation and water rate recommendation. Discussion transpired throughout presentation.

Member McMahon requested additional information on the impact of the new stormwater charge on City departments and public agencies.

Public Comment: Mr. Antonio Guerra, Director of Administration and Finance for San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, asked if this is a three-year recommendation that will be presented to the Commission. He also wanted to confirm when the full draft consultant report will be released.

Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had concerns about the timing of the stormwater charge implementation and when the Rate Fairness Board would make a recommendation to the SFPUC Commission.

6. **Items Initiated by Board Members**

a. **Rate Fairness Board Bylaws**

(Discussion)

Chair Ash expressed that he wanted some clarification on specific sections in the bylaws. The Board Members would like to see some clarification on the organization of members. Discussion transpired throughout.

Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had some suggestions and comments to the edits in the bylaws.

7. **Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

(Discussion)

Chair Ash asked when the next meeting will be scheduled. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 3rd or 10th.

The Board Members expressed their interest to see the full draft consultant report when it is available.
Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel thanked the Board Members and SFPUC staff.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.
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