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

**Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, April 8, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
(Approved April 22, 2022)**

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Rate Fairness Board’s regular meeting room at 525 Golden Gate Avenue is closed. The Board and SFPUC staff will convene Rate Fairness Board meetings remotely by teleconference.

JOIN MEETING REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

- 1. Modern Browser (WebRTC) [Best]**
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- 2. Mobile Apple iOS or Android devices:** Mobile users can also join with Zoom Cloud Meetings App on [Apple App Store](#) iOS or [Google Play Store](#) Android
- 3. Meeting [Link](#)**
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Meeting will be recorded for minutes only and will not be published. By joining this meeting, you agree to be recorded during the duration of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT & BEST PRACTICES

- Public comment periods will be announced.
- Type your comments using the “Chat” tab. In chat box please **type "Public Comment"** preceding your comment.
- Comments will be read out loud by meeting moderator. If you have technical issues or questions, you may also send a private message to the moderator using direct message.
- We ask that public comments be made in a civil and respectful manner and that you address your remarks to the Board as a whole and not to individual Board Members or Staff.
- Listen in from a quiet location. Turn down any televisions or radios around you.

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MEETING AGENDA

Materials Distributed: Regular meeting agenda of April 8, 2022; Item 3 RFB agenda draft minutes for regular meeting of March 18, 2022; Item 4a 2021-2022 Power Rates Study Rate Design.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Member Name/Title	Appointed By
Howard Ash, Chair	Board of Supervisors
Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
Vishal Trivedi, Member	Controller's Office
Reese Isbell, Member	Mayor's Office
Trisha McMahon, Member	City Administrator
Vacant, City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
Edward de Asis, Member	Controller's Office

The regular meeting of the Rate Fairness Board was called to order at 1:06 PM via Zoom teleconference.

Roll call:

- Present: Member Trivedi, Member Isbell, Member McMahon, Member de Asis.*
- Chair Ash joined meeting at approximately 1:16 PM.*
- A quorum was present.*

RFB Secretary provided the following reminders: remote meeting authorized by the California Government Code Section 54953(e); instructions for public participation during public comment periods; recording of meeting for minutes only, not to be published.

2. 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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2022

(Discussion and Action)

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2022, were adopted unanimously upon a motion by Member Isbell and a second by Member Vishal.

Roll Call Vote:

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- *Ayes: Member Trivedi, Member Isbell, Member McMahon, Member de Asis. Four ayes.*

Public Comment:

- *Amy Nagengast Chat Box @ 1:10 PM: Could a draft of the meeting minutes be posted in advance of the meeting so members of public can review and be ready to comment if applicable?*
 - *PUC staff provided response and helped clarify that minutes were posted on RFB webpage, incorrectly under a different date, issue has since been resolved.*

4. Report of the Chair

a. 2021-2022 Power Rates Study Rate Design: CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power

NewGen Strategies & Solutions, Power Rates Study Consultant (Presentation and Discussion)

Consultant Scott Burnham provided presentation about the 2021-2022 Power Rates Study Cost of Service and Rate Design: CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power. Topics included project schedule, customer distribution, Hetch Hetchy rate design tiers, rate design customer charge, CleanPowerSF proposed rates, and Hetch Hetchy rate transition plan. Discussion followed.

Public Comment:

- *Amy Nagengast, Chat Box @ 2:04 PM: To clarify: are municipal customer program funds (i.e. incentives to reduce energy consumption) paid for by flat monthly customer service fees or within the electricity rate? [Consultant Burnham provided response]*
- *Brooke Abola Chat Box @ 2:26 PM: GUSE? [Rates Administrator Erin Franks and Chair Ash provided response]*
- *Amy Nagengast, Chat Box @ 2:33 PM: Have you finalized the rate types for Hetch Hetchy customers?" [Consultant Burnham provided response]*
- *Amy Nagengast, Chat Box @ 2:39 PM: Can customers switch between gas/electric vs all-electric rates at any point in the year? [Rates Administrator Franks and Chair Ash provided response]*

5. Break (5 minutes)

130 *Board decided to skip break.*

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

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134 *Member Isbell brough up topic about scheduling the next Board regular*
135 *meeting. Subsequently, regular meeting scheduled for April 22, 2022, 2-*
136 *4 PM.*

137 *Member Isbell asked if Board has bylaws, none are available in Board*
138 *webpage. Chair Ash explained that Board does not currently have*
139 *bylaws, but has had a Vice Chair, which, historically, has been another*
140 *non-City employee Member. Chair Ash proposed election of Vice Chair*
141 *to be added to the next meeting agenda. Member Reese advised that*
142 *Board create bylaws, especially to provide clarity about leadership*
143 *positions.*

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145 *Chair Ash proposed to create a memo about issues to consider about*
146 *rates proposal, to form Board comments and recommendations to the*
147 *Commission—to be added to the following meeting agenda.*

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149 *Discussion followed about Board availability for next meeting during*
150 *week of Apr 18-22, in advance of Commission meeting of May 10.*

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152 *Chair Ash will plan to attend the May 10 Commission meeting.*

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154 *Public Comment: None*

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156 **7. Adjournment**

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158 *Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM*

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160 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
161 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at
162 yrodriguez@sfgwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to ensure
163 availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are available on-
164 line at <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board>.

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166 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
167 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
168 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
169 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
170 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
171 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
172 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
173 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
174 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
175 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
176 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
177 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)
178 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
179 producing electronic devices.

180 **Know your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance:** Government's duty is to
181 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,
182 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct
183 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
184 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For
185 information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the
186 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,
187 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett
188 Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone at (415) 554-7724; fax at
189 (415) 554-7854; or by e-mail at sotf@sfgov.org.

190 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter
191 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
192 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

193 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助/ Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
194 / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí /
195 Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援/ 무료 언어 / 지원 / ការ“មធារ”
196 យເតេតឺ ព័រ“ងក”ម“តៃមៃ” ស្តុយកាខៃជ័ យ / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog ยເតេតឺ

197 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
198 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
199 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &
200 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
201 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
202 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San

203 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
204 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

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

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