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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
 Friday, February 4, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
 (Approved March 18, 2022)**

*During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency, the 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.*

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## MEETING AGENDA

*Materials Distributed: Regular meeting agenda of February 4, 2022; Item 2: City Attorney Memo Public Resolution 54953(e); Item 6a: 2021-2022 Power Rates Study COS; Item 6b FY23 10 Year Financial Plan.*

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Seat 1     Howard Ash, Chair  
Seat 2     Vacant  
Seat 3     Anna Van Degna  
Seat 4     Vacant  
Seat 5     Adam Nguyen  
Seat 6     Vacant  
Seat 7     Edward de Asis

*Chair Howard Ash called meeting to order at 1:01 PM. RFB Secretary Yvonne Rodriguez called roll: Chair Ash present, Member Van Degna present, Member Nguyen present, Member de Asis present. A quorum was present.*

### **2. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings (Discussion and Action)**

Yvonne Rodriguez, RFB Secretary

*Chair Ash called to approve/adopt findings to allow teleconference meetings during COVID-19 related emergency. Motioned moved by Member Van Degna, seconded by Member de Asis.*

*Public Comment: none*

*On motion to approve item 2:*

*Ayes: Ash, Van Degna, Nguyen, de Asis*

### **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:*

- Amy Nagengast (she, her) commented via Zoom chat box: Could the meeting minutes be published online from prior meetings? There are no meeting minutes listed after July. Nagengast provided RFB webpage as reference, <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board>.*

83 **4. Instate New Rate Fairness Board Member/s** (No Action)

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85 *Chair Ash read an Oath of Office statement to instate Vishal Trivedi and*  
86 *Reese Isbell as members of the Rate Fairness Board. Trivedi and Isbell*  
87 *provided introductions.*

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89 *Public Comment: none*

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91 **5. Approval of the Minutes of November 12, 2021 Meeting** (Discussion and  
92 Action)

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94 *Chair Ash asked Board for changes or corrections, there were none. Chair*  
95 *entertained motion to approve the minutes. Member Van Degna moved to*  
96 *approve. Member Nguyen seconded motion.*

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98 *Public Comment:*

- 99 • *Amy Nagengast (she, her) commented via Zoom chat box: doesn't the*  
100 *meeting minutes need to be posted as a draft so that the public can*  
101 *review them and comment? The SFPUC Citizen's Advisory*  
102 *Committee does it that way (publishes a draft and then updates then).*

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104 *Chair Ash moved to approve minutes without objections.*

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106 **6. Report of the Chair**

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108 a. **2021-2022 Power Rates Study Cost of Service:**

109 **CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power** (Presentation and  
110 Discussion)

111 NewGen Strategies & Solutions, Power Rates Study Consultant

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113 *Consultant Scott Burnham provided presentation about the*  
114 *following topics: meeting objectives and study status, cost of*  
115 *service process, CleanPowerSF COS and Rate Design, Hetch*  
116 *Hetchy Power COS and Rate Design. Discussion followed.*

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118 *Public Comment:*

- 119 • *Amy Nagengast (she, her) commented via Zoom*  
120 *chat box: Can you describe what lighting as a class*  
121 *mean? Street lights? It doesn't seem to fit*  
122 *Res/Commercial. 1) Could you give a % breakdown*  
123 *on the customer costs between data management,*  
124 *customer services and Energy Programs on slide 8?*  
125 *2) Was there an analysis conducted on the how*  
126 *energy programs compare to PG&E energy reduction*  
127 *programs now and into the future? 3) Was there a*  
128 *scenario analysis on if CleanPower SF should spend*  
129 *more money on energy programs to reduce the peak*

130 demand (and therefore possibly reduce the revenue  
131 requirement)? Will the new power rates have an  
132 increase in funding for energy efficiency/incentive  
133 programs (i.e. Blueprint for savings) that customers  
134 can engage in that may help offset the revenue  
135 requirement?

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137 **b. FY 2022-23 to FY-2031-32 10-Year Financial Plan Overview**  
138 Kristina Alagar Cordero, Director of Financial Planning  
139 (Presentation and Discussion)

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141 *Director Kristina Alagar Cordero provided presentation about 10-*  
142 *Year Financial Plan Update, FY 2022-23 through FY 2031-32.*  
143 *Discussion followed.*

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145 *Public Comment:*

- 146 • *Amy Nagengast (she, her) commented via Zoom chat*  
147 *box: I might have missed this as I needed to step away*  
148 *for a minute, but can remind us what is the Median*  
149 *Household Income is for the bay area that is used for*  
150 *this analysis?*

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152 **7. Announcements, Comments, Questions** (Discussion)

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154 *Chair Ash recognized Member Van Degna's tenure, contribution to RFB,*  
155 *thanked member for service. Member Van Degna expressed appreciation*  
156 *of staff's work and presentations.*

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158 *Member Nguyen announced that he will be stepping down from Board; City*  
159 *Administrator Carmen Chu will appoint new member to seat. Member*  
160 *Nguyen thanked PUC staff. Chair Ash recognized Member Nguyen's*  
161 *contributions to Board.*

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163 *Director Alagar Cordero, on behalf of PUC staff, thanked both Member Van*  
164 *Degna and Nguyen for their service on Board.*

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166 *Chair Ash asked about schedule for next meeting. RFB Secretary Yvonne*  
167 *noted that PUC staff is looking to schedule two meetings between March*  
168 *and April.*

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170 *Public Comment: none*

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172 **8. Adjournment**

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174 *Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.*

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

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183 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board  
184 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,  
185 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the  
186 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)  
187 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements  
188 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell  
189 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in  
190 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.  
191 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing  
192 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the  
193 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)  
194 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-  
195 producing electronic devices.

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

206 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter  
207 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at  
208 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

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

220 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site  
221 at [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://www.sfgov.org/ethics).

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