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

Regular Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2020 1:30 – 3:30 PM

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, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Dated February 25, 2020.

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MEETING AGENDA

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 the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Howard Ash, Anna Van Degna, Adam Nguyen, and Edward de Asis were present. A quorum was present.

2. 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

3. Approval of the Minutes of October 9, 2020 Meeting (Discussion and possible action)

   Chair Ash noted correction needed on line 72, change “impact of” to “impact on” revenue. Members de Asis, Van Degna and Nguyen agreed.

   Public Comment: None

   Member Van Degna moved to approve meeting minutes edit on line 72, seconded by Member Nguyen.

   The motion passed by the following vote:
   Ayes: Ash, Van Degna, Nguyen, de Asis
   Noes: None

4. Report of the Chair

   a. Update on 2021 Power Rates Study (Presentation and discussion)

b. Impact of COVID-19 on SFPUC Finances (Presentation and discussion)


c. Improving Public Access to Rate Fairness Board Meetings (Discussion)

Rates Administrator Franks shared suggestions to improve public access to RFB meeting and requested Board input. Suggestions included to create consistent monthly meeting date or create an email notification sign-up list in order to maintain list of interested people informed of upcoming meeting times. Member Nguyen asked about strategies used by other utility providers, with similar rate setting boards. Rates Administrator Franks to follow-up with other utility provider contacts for feedback. Board Secretary Yvonne Rodriguez and Rates Administrator Franks to follow-up about best recurring times to try to schedule consistent monthly meetings. Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Public Comment: None

5. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)

Chair Ash confirmed that previous Member Kevin Cheng has resigned. Chair Ash to draft a letter of recognition as a thank you to Mr. Cheng for the many years of service. Chair Ash to work with staff, Mayor’s Office and/or Board of Supervisors to try to fill Board vacancies. Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Public Comment: None

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM
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