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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Friday, March 18, 2022 2:00 – 5:00 PM
 (Approved April 8, 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.

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MEETING AGENDA

Materials Distributed: Regular meeting agenda of March 18, 2022; Item 2 City Attorney Memo Public Resolution 54953(e); Item 4 Oath of Office, TMcMahon; Item 5 RFB Agenda-20220204-Draft Minutes; Item 7a RFB Power Rate Study (PPT)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Seat 1 Howard Ash, Chair
Seat 2 Vacant
Seat 3 Vishal Trivedi
Seat 4 Reese Isbell
Seat 5 Trisha McMahon
Seat 6 Vacant
Seat 7 Edward de Asis

The regular meeting of the Rate Fairness Board was called to order at 2:04 PM via teleconference.

Roll Call:

- Present: Chair Ash, Member Trivedi, Member Isbell, Member de Asis.*
- 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54953(e); instructions for public participation during public comment periods; recording of meeting for minutes only, not to be published.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. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings (Discussion and Action)

Yvonne Rodriguez, RFB Secretary

RFB Secretary read the following: Adopt findings under State urgency legislation California Government Code Section 54953(e) to allow teleconferenced meetings during the COVID-19 Emergency and direct the Board Secretary to agendize a similar resolution at a Board meeting within the next 30 days.

Public Comment: none

Roll-Call Vote:

- Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Trivedi, Member Isbell, Member de Asis*

3. Public Comment

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

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82 *Public Comment: none*

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84 **4. Instate New Rate Fairness Board Member**

85 Trisha McMahon, City Administrator Appointing Office
86 (Instate to Board)

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88 *Chair Ash read an Oath of Office statement to instate Trisha McMahon as*
89 *member of the Rate Fairness Board. McMahon introduced herself to public*
90 *and Board.*

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92 *Chair asked all members to provide a self-introduction.*

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94 *Public Comment: none*

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96 **5. Approval of the Minutes of February 4, 2022, Meeting** (Discussion and
97 Action)

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99 *The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2022, were adopted*
100 *unanimously upon a motion by Member Isbell and a second by Member de*
101 *Asis.*

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103 *There were no questions from the Members and no public comment.*

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105 *Roll-Call Vote:*

- 106 • *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Trivedi, Member Isbell, Member de*
107 *Asis, Member McMahon aye*

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109 *The following provided public comment submitted after March 18, 2022,*
110 *meeting concluded and will be included into meeting record:*

- 111 • *Amy Nagengast: Could the meeting minutes reflect the questions*
112 *and answers from the commissioners that were addressed in the*
113 *prior meeting? If possible, adding in the responses to the*
114 *submitted public comment questions would also be useful.*

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116 **6. Break** (5 minutes)

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118 **7. Report of the Chair**

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120 a. **2021-2022 Power Rates Study Cost of Service and Rate**
121 **Design: CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power**

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

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125 Consultant Scott Burnham provided presentation about the
126 following topics: upcoming meetings and objectives;
127 CleanPowerSF Power Rate Design, Hetch Hetchy Power Rate
128 Design. Discussion followed.

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130 Rates Administrator Erin Franks informed Board that staff,
131 SFPUC Financial Planning (rates team), will present staff
132 proposal at the RFB meeting on April 8, 2022. Rates
133 Administrator Franks further explained Board's role at the May
134 10 Commission meeting. Members asked about updated
135 CleanPowerSF/Hetch Hetchy rates data. Franks and Burnham
136 explained that updated data will be provided at the next RFB
137 meeting, April 8.

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139 Member McMahon asked about customer base size and use
140 with the rate structure proposal. Franks explained this
141 information is included in RFB 101 overview presentation.
142 Franks offered to provide an additional overview at a future RFB
143 meeting. Financial Planning Director Kristina Alagar Cordero
144 offered to provide a refresher about the first portion of the
145 current Power and CleanPowerSF rates study, upon request.

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147 Public Comment:

- 148 • Amy Nagengast: Can you talk about rates for
149 electrification beyond heating, i.e. EV?

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151 **8. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)**
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153 Chair Ash inquired about in-person attendance at the next Commission
154 meeting, May 10. Director Alagar Cordero confirmed that some rates staff
155 team members will be present in-person.

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157 Chair Ash explained that after the RFB April 8, where staff will present staff
158 rates proposal, the Board may need to schedule additional meetings to
159 discuss proposal further to develop Board's recommendation.

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161 Public Comment: none

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163 **9. Adjournment**
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165 Meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM.
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169 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
170 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at
171 yrodriguez@sfgwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to ensure
172 availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are available on-
173 line at <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board>.

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

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192 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
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195 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,
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197 Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone at (415) 554-7724; fax at
198 (415) 554-7854; or by e-mail at soff@sfgov.org.

199 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter
200 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
201 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

202 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助/ Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
203 / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí /
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205 យអេលឺ ព័រ“ងក”ម“តៃយៃដៃ ស្តុយការងារជំនួយ / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog ยหะลื่อ

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

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

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