

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

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5 **Regular Meeting**
6 **Friday, October 9, 2020 1:30 – 4:00 PM**

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8 This meeting was held by Teleconference Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20
9 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local
10 Emergency Dated February 25, 2020.

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

14 Howard Ash, Chair
15 *Vacant, Vice Chair*
16 Kevin Cheng, Member
17 Edward de Asis, Member
18 Adam Nguyen, Member
19 Anna Van Degna, Member
20 *Vacant, Member*

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22 Chair Howard Ash called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Howard Ash, Edward de Asis,
23 Adam Nguyen and Anna Van Degna were present. Member Kevin Cheng was excused. A
24 quorum was present.

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26 **2. Instate New Rate Fairness Board Members (No Action)**

27 Chair Ash read an oath to instate Edward de Asis and Anna Van Degna as members of the
28 Rate Fairness Board.

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30 Chair Ash moved Item #5, Report of the Chair to Item #3.

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32 **3. Report of the Chair (Discussion)**

33 a) Welcome new members of Rate Fairness Board, members of the public and staff

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35 Chair Ash welcomed new members of Rate Fairness Board and introduced himself, while
36 providing a brief history of the Rate Fairness Board and who he was appointed by in the City
37 and County of San Francisco.

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39 Members Nguyen, Van Degna and de Asis introduced themselves, stating their titles and who
40 they were appointed by in the City and County of San Francisco.

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42 Public Comment: None

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44 No action taken.

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46 **4. Approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2019 Meeting (Discussion and Possible Action)**
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48 Member Nguyen did not find any errors and moved to adopt minutes as it stands and
49 seconded by Member de Asis.

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51 Public Comment: None

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53 The motion passed by the following vote:

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55 Ayes: 4 - Ash, de Asis, Nguyen, Van Degna
56 Noes: 0 - None

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58 **5. Public Comment (No Action)**

59 Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on matters that are within
60 the Board's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda.

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62 Public Comment: None

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64 **6. SFPUC's Response to COVID-19 (Discussion)**

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66 Rates Administrator Erin Franks provided presentation on the overall SFPUC response to
67 COVID-19 pandemic, as well as information on the emergency discount programs.

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69 Member Van Degna inquired about how the emergency discount programs affect SFPUC's
70 revenues and rates. Member Nguyen inquired about usage changes due to COVID-19.

71 Member de Asis inquired about how COVID-19 impacted cost to provide services. Chair
72 Ash expressed to see more information on the impact on revenues.

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74 Public Comment: None

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76 No action taken.

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78 **7. 2021 Power Rates Study & 2022 Water and Wastewater Rate Study Timeline**
79 (Discussion)

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81 Rates Administrator Erin Franks provided brief background on what a rate study is and the
82 role of the Rate Fairness Board. Provided the timeline for 2020 to 2022 that showed when the
83 2021 Power Rates Study and 2022 Water and Wastewater Rate Study would overlap.
84 Described the key issues in both rate studies.

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86 Member de Asis inquired about CleanPowerSF's main energy source.

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88 Public Comment: None

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90 No action taken.

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92 **8. Announcements/Comments/Questions (Discussion)**

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94 Chair Ash inquired about the timeline for the next meeting. SFPUC staff suggested the next
95 meeting to be in late November or early December.

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97 Public Comment: None

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99 No action taken.

101 **9. Adjournment**

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103 Rate Fairness Board Secretary adjourned meeting at 3:20 PM.

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