San Francisco Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board

Minutes Friday, February 2, 2018, 2:00 PM
525 Golden Gate Avenue 2nd Floor
O’Shaughnessy Conference Room
San Francisco, CA 94102

1. Call to Order
CoChair Howard Ash called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.
Present: Howard Ash, Theresa Kao, Adam Nguyen Jamie Querubin, and Scott Ungermann; Kevin Cheng arrived at 2:21 pm.

2. Public Comment: Members of the public may address Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on matters that are within the RFB’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda
No public comment.

3. Chair’s Report
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Financial Planning Director Kristina Cordero reviewed today’s meeting:
• Independent Consultant Retail Rate Recommendations
• “Staff Retail Rate Proposal” follow up scheduled February 7, 2018
• Stakeholder Outreach Plan and Status
• RFB Presentation to Commission regarding 2018 Rate Proposal will be on April 10, 2018

a) SFPUC 2018 Water and Wastewater Retail Rate Study – Independent Consultant Retail Rate Recommendations.
Ms. Cordero introduced Independent Consultant Engineer Jennifer Ivey. Ms. Ivey reviewed changes in cost of service and proposed rate design for the 2018 Water & Wastewater Rate Study. She presented the consultants’ Retail Rate Recommendations. Questions were answered during the presentation.

b) SFPUC 2018 Water and Wastewater Retail Rate Study – Staff Retail Rate Proposal
SFPUC staff presented their Retail Rate Proposal and bill impacts. Ms. Cordero answered questions during the presentation. At the meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, follow up questions will include:
• Stormwater Phase I: Staff will share further detail on the type of customers SFPUC has identified for Phase 1.
• Drought Impact: Staff will discuss how the PUC handled the last five-year drought in San Francisco.
• Drought surcharge: Staff will present the impact of a drought surcharge on the average bill. SFPUC will also highlight how other agencies have approached drought surcharges.
• Bill impacts: How the Consultant’s proposal would impact customer bills.
c) SFPUC 2018 Water and Wastewater Retail Rates Study – Stakeholder Outreach Plan and Status

SFPUC Coordinator of Citizen Involvement, Florencia Prada, reported on the 2018 Rates Outreach meetings. Questions were answered during the presentation. Chair Cheng emphasized that all the business and neighborhood communities are included in the Communication’s outreach strategy.

- Chair Cheng will meet with Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) member Ted Loewenberg. Ted Loewenberg will share with Chair Cheng comments and feedback from the Citizens’ Advisory Committee regarding the 2018 Rate Presentation scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.
- Member Ash and Member Querubin volunteered to attend the SFPUC Staff’s presentation to the CAC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

d) Timelines for RFB Proposal

There was discussion.

No public comment.

4. Election of Officers (Discussion and Action)

Chair Cheng nominated Member Howard Ash as Chair and Member Scott Ungermann as CoChair.

Motion to approve the nomination of Member Howard Ash as Chair and Scott Ungermann as CoChair.

Ayes: Cheng, Kao, Nguyen, and Querubin

No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2018

Member Ash requested date correction from January 19, 2017 to January 19, 2018. Chair Cheng requested the schedule of the CAC meetings be presented at the next meeting. Jamie Querubin moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2018, as amended and Kevin Cheng seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Cheng, Ash, Kao, Nguyen, Querubin and Ungermann

No public comment.

6. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

- Discussion about the CAC Committee. Member Querubin asked when the Prop 218 will be mailed as she would like to see what the ratepayers will be
receiving. The Prop 218 notice will be mailed out on February 23, 2018 to the ratepayers.

- RFB Secretary Lorelei Patricio announced to the Board of the annual Form 700 filing requirements, and a link will be emailed to each Member.

No public comment.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.