San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Rate Fairness Board

Minutes Friday, March 2, 2018, 2:00 PM
525 Golden Gate Avenue
3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room
San Francisco, CA 94102

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Vice Chair Scott Ungermann called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: Scott Ungermann, Theresa Kao, Adam Nguyen Jamie Querubin.
Jamie Querubin arrived at 2:15 pm.
Howard Ash was excused.

2. Public Comment: Members of the public may address RFB on matters that are within the RFB’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda

Public Comment: Mr. Jason Sanders, San Francisco resident, expressed concern upon receiving a letter from the San Francisco Public Utilities Customer Services regarding the storm water charges. He provided his comments on protesting the rates.

3. Chair’s Report
a) Financial Planning Director Kristina Cordero reviewed the items that will be covered in the Chair’s report. The third item on Miscellaneous Fees: Water/Wastewater Capacity Charge is tabled for the next meeting.

Ms. Cordero introduced Principal Revenue and Rates Analyst Erin Franks to report on the staff proposal follow up from the February 2nd and 7th meetings.

Ms. Franks reported on questions regarding:
- Revenue Requirements after Rate Adjustments
- Fire Service Charges
- Stormwater Phase 1 Charge
- Drought Surcharge

Questions were answered during the presentation. Member Cheng mentioned that the SFPUC consider public comment regarding the drought surcharge.

Public Comment: Mr. Sanders commented that there should be a better process for notifying property owners to state their case regarding the runoff charge before a staff recommendation moves forward to the Commission.

b) Community Benefits Analyst Simone Hudson presented the “Rate payer Affordability: Analysis and Project Update.” Ms. Hudson answered questions during the presentation.
Member Cheng thanked Ms. Hudson for her presentation as he said this level of analysis has not been done before and is very illuminating. There was further discussion.

Public Comment: None

4. Review RFB Presentation on Water & Wastewater Rate Proposal to Commission on April 10, 2018 (Discussion & Possible Action)
This item is tabled until the next meeting. There was discussion on scheduling the next meeting for March 23, 2018. There was discussion about the Citizens’ Advisory Committee scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Public Comment: None

5. Approval of RFB Minutes of the February 7, 2018 minutes.
   Moved by Jamie Querubin and seconded by Scott Ungermann.
   Ayes: Ungermann, Cheng, Kao, Nguyen and Querubin
   Member Ash was excused.

Public Comment: None

6. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items
   • Member Cheng suggested staff email Mr. Jason Sanders the section on how the storm water surcharge was developed and indicate that this body gives a recommendation to the PUC and that the PUC approves the surcharges and Mr. Sanders has a few more weeks to make recommendations.

Public Comment: None

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.