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

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
(Approved February 25, 2025)**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

**In-person Meeting:** San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 2nd Floor, O’Shaughnessy-C Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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**MEETING AGENDA**

*Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for February 4, 2025; Draft Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025; “FY 2025-26 Hetch Hetchy Power” Presentation, Correspondence Log*

**1. Call to Order**

*The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called to order at 10:02 AM in-person and via teleconference.*

**2. Roll Call**

<b>Member Name/Title</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>
Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer	Board of Supervisors
Masood Samereie, Vice Chair, City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
Trisha McMahan, Budget and Planning Manager	City Administrator
Calvin Quock, Budget and Revenue Analyst	Controller's Office
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
<i>Vacant</i> , City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
Eric Dew, Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office

*Roll Call:*

- Present: Chair Ash, Vice-Chair Samereie, Member McMahan, Member Trivedi, Member Quock*

**3. 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: No public comment*

**4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025**  
(Discussion and Action)

*Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns.*

*Chair Ash requested to correct spelling to “year-long” on line 103.*

*Public Comment: No public comment.*

*The minutes of the special meeting of January 14, 2025, were adopted upon a motion by Member Trivedi.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

- Ayes: Chair Ash, Vice-Chair Samereie, Member Trivedi, Member Quock*

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**5. Report of the Chair (Discussion)**

**a. FY 2025-26 Hetch Hetchy Power**

*Presented by Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager*

Presenter reviews the agenda for the presentation with the main goal of soliciting feedback from the board on the implementation activities and upcoming schedule.

Staff is working on finalizing rates by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Once rates are finalized, staff will begin to work on implementations and proceed with the communications plan. Once rates are finalized, staff will begin the commission routing with goal to have rates approved in April.

Staff has finalized the 10-year plan, reflecting changes in O&M, changes in load growth projections, and including more conservative projections. Chair Ash asks if the load growth is due to the municipal or redevelopment areas. The presenter confirms that the largest load growth is due to the Airport and their future electrification projects. Staff is preparing the final rate plan which includes a 10% increase in retail rates for FY 25-26.

The Hetch Hetchy Power rate plan balances revenue and operating expenditure growth. The plan targets financial metrics higher than in the previous plan. There will be an average of 6.4% average annual rate increase between FYE 2026 and FYE 2035.

Member Trivedi asks if the Hetch Hetchy customer demand is greater than the power that is generated by Hetch Hetchy. Erin Corvinova, Financial Planning Director, explains that power supply levels depend on the time of the year. There is usually a surplus of power in the spring and summer. In the fall, the enterprise purchases power. However, over the entire year, more power is produced than the demand.

Chair Ash asks what the power purchase forecasts are. Erin Corvinova explains that projections for power purchases show a yearly increase. The power market and pricing are volatile and expensive with possible changes to contracts and tariffs.

The largest Hetch Hetchy Power energy sales are attributed to the power consumed by the industrial customers although the residential customers make up the largest portion of the customer count.

The proposed rates that will be sent to the Commission include maintaining a \$0.03/kWh rate increase for GUSE and Tuolumne

123 customers and advancing the 10.0% retail rate increase. The  
124 continuation of the rate increase for GUSE and Tuolumne customers  
125 will help move rates toward achieving cost of service.  
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127 In comparison to PG&E rates, Hetch Hetchy Power rates are lower  
128 currently and are projected to be lower in FY25-26. Staff is working on  
129 future PG&E forecasts and latest reports from analysts are more  
130 uncertain than usual. Due to the new framework for resource adequacy,  
131 there have been large shifts in their costs and how charges are  
132 distributed in bills.  
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134 The rates communication plan commenced this year in January with  
135 updating the landing webpage for power rates. In the following months,  
136 there will be additional methods of communication including on-bill  
137 messaging, bill inserts, newsletters, postcards, and webinars.  
138 Communications will alert customers of the rate process and the  
139 proposed rate changes that will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
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141 Member McMahon asks if a memo to city rate payers will be sent this  
142 year as was done last year. Erin Corvinova confirms that staff will work  
143 on a memo to circulate this year.  
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145 *Public Comment: No public comment.*  
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## 147 **6. Communications (Information Only)**

### 148 **a. Correspondence Log**

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150 The Rate Fairness Board received a message from the public via e-mail  
151 on January 17, 2025, from Ms. Jacqueline Scott regarding their concern  
152 for the monthly stormwater fee.  
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154 Member Trivedi asks how stormwater charge is calculated for  
155 customers and properties. Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, explains  
156 the stormwater charge for residential customers is a fixed monthly  
157 charge throughout the year. The stormwater charge is not a new charge  
158 on customer bills, the distribution on the bill has changed.  
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160 Staff and board members agree that the email received should be  
161 forwarded to customer service staff to reach out to the customer.  
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163 *Public Comment: No public comment.*  
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## 165 **7. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)**

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167 Chair Ash reminds board and staff that officer elections should be held  
168 the first meeting of February according to the bylaws and requests to  
169 add the item to the agenda for the next meeting.  
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171 Member McMahon asks for an electronic copy of the file containing  
172 historical Hetch Hetchy Power and CleanPowerSF rates. Erin

173 Corvinova, Financial Planning Director, confirms an updated copy will  
174 be ready in the next meeting.

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176 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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179 **8. Adjournment**

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181 *Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.*

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183 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please  
184 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at  
185 [RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org](mailto:RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org). Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to  
186 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are  
187 available on-line at [http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-](http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-units/board)  
188 [units/board- https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)  
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191 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the  
192 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board  
193 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,  
194 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the  
195 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)  
196 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements  
197 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell  
198 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in  
199 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.  
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202 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)  
203 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-  
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206 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,  
207 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct  
208 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted  
209 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For  
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211 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,  
212 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett  
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214 (415) 554-7854; or by e-mail at [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org).

215 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter  
216 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at  
217 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

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222 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities  
223 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action  
224 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &  
225 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying  
226 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the

227 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San  
228 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site  
229 at [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://www.sfgov.org/ethics).

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

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