



Minutes  
 City of Sacramento  
 Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Steven Archibald	Robert Blymyer	Douglas Brown
Tess Kretschmann		Ernest Lehr
Karen McBride	*****	John Puento

**CITY STAFF:**

*Jessica Hess, Media and Communication Specialist  
 Holly Lera, Account Clerk II*

*Historic City Hall  
 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room*

*December 3, 2008 – 5:00 P.M.*

*The Utility Rate Advisory Commission is a commission of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to review utility service rate proposals, develop recommendations on relevant issues regarding the setting of rates, hold rate hearings, and act as a liaison to the community to encourage understanding and participation.*

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# MINUTES

December 3, 2008

*Historic City Hall  
915 I Street – 2nd Floor, Hearing Room*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

## Called to Order – 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call -** Present: Dr. Ernest Lehr, Douglas Brown, Karen McBride, Steven Archibald, Robert Blymyer, John Puente, and Tess Kretschmann.

Absent: None.

## Special Presentations

- a. Introduction of Commission Members
- b. Introduction of Utilities Staff

## Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

### **No Consent Items to Approve**

## Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. **Review of Nomination/Selection of a Chair of the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission**  
**Location:** (Citywide)  
**Recommendation:** Nominate/Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair.  
**Contact:** Jessica Hess, Media and Communication Specialist, (916) 808-8260, Utilities  
**Discussion:** Nomination of Blymyer for Chair Moved by Brown, Seconded by Puente.  
Nomination of Puente for Vice-Chair Moved by Blymyer, Seconded by Brown.  
**Action:** Motion(s) carried.
2. **Review of Orientation Binder**  
**Location:** (Citywide)  
**Recommendation:** Review and File  
**Contact:** Jessica Hess, Media and Communication Specialist, (916) 808-8260, Utilities

**Action:** Received and Filed

**Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

2. **No Public Comments**

**Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements**

3. **Items to add to future agendas.**
- a. **Review of Dr. Lehr's letter to council.**
  - b. **Review of Metered Water to council.**
  - c. **Subcommittees.**
  - d. **Roster for Commissioners.**

**Adjourned at 5:59 p.m.**

Approved:

  
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Jessica Hess, Chair

Attest:

  
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Holly Lera, Commission Secretary