



Minutes
City of Sacramento
Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Karen McBride	Steven Archibald, Chair	Ernest Lehr
Douglas Brown	Tess Kretschmann, Vice Chair *****	Melvin Johnson
		Carolyn Veal-Hunter

CITY STAFF:

*Jessica Hess, Media and Communication Specialist
Holly Lera, Senior Staff Assistant
Joe Robinson, Senior Deputy City Attorney*

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

January 20, 2010 – 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.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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The order of Agenda items are listed for reference and may be taken in any order deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Agenda provides a general description and staff recommendations; however, the Committee may take action other than what is recommended. The Agenda is available for public review on January 15, 2010. Hard copies are available from the Utilities Department. (10 cents per page)

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MINUTES

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

Call to Order – 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call: **Present:** Steven Archibald, Tess Kretschmann, Karen McBride, Douglas Brown, Dr. Ernest Lehr, Carolyn Veal-Hunter and Melvin Johnson.
Absent: None

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.

1. **Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2009.**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for November 19, 2009.

Contact: Jessica Hess, Media and Communications Specialist, (916) 808-8260
Department of Utilities

Summary: Motion to approve by Douglas Brown, second by Karen McBride. All present in favor, none opposed.

Action: Minutes Approved

Discussion / Action Reports

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

Introduction by Chair of new commissioner.

2. **Containerized Yard Waste Update**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and file. Staff will provide an update on the proposed ballot initiative to containerized yard waste, a summary of recently completed rate analysis as well as the proposed yard waste collection rates for the 218 notification to customers.

Contact: Edison Hicks, Integrated Waste General Manager, Department of Utilities
(916) 808-4949.

Summary: Update by staff on where the department is in terms of containerized green waste. History of measure A reviewed and implementation of voluntary containerized program. Currently 85,000 containerized, 31,000 loose in the street with 25,000 customers having not yet been offered the voluntary program. Staff is preparing to present the final loose in the street cost at the next commission meeting, hoping to have these rates implemented July 1, 2010.

Action: Review and File

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. No Public Comments

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

4. Vice Chair updated commission that she and Dr. Lehr met last week and will meet again this week to finish putting together clear questions for staff regarding the review and understanding of previous department financials.

5. Chair stated that Council will be receiving a report from the City Attorney regarding Prop. 218 violations, commission should wait until staff briefs them on all information before recommending on rates. Suggest waiting to discuss until next meeting. Staff informed commission that an additional meeting will be scheduled for February 17th.

6. Chair requested staff to provide a midyear update for all funds and how adopted rates are progressing.

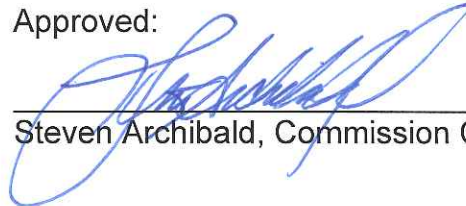
Adjournment: 5:50 p.m.

Attest:



Holly Lera, Commission Secretary

Approved:



Steven Archibald, Commission Chair