

Order No. 2288

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF the *Water Utility Act* and
the *Utilities Commission Act*

and

IN THE MATTER OF

an Application by

EPCOR Water (West) Inc.

**For Approval of 2012-2014 Revenue Requirements and Water Tariff Amendments
Application for French Creek and Interim Rate Adjustments Application
Effective January 1, 2012**

ORDER

Dated this 7th day of November, 2011

BEFORE:

Pieter J. Bekker, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOV'T, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

File: 0321094

WHEREAS:

1. On October 31, 2011 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. ("EWW" or "the Utility") filed a Revenue Requirements/Water Tariff Amendments Application with detailed support ("the Application") to adjust rates January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014 with a request that the proposed 2012 rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2012.
2. The Application also includes the approved rate design changes determined by the Deputy Comptroller by Order 2263 on May 12, 2011 and directed to be implemented effective January 1, 2012.
3. The request for the 2012 proposed rates to be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2012 is reasonable to allow sufficient time for a hearing process leading to a final Order with Reasons for Decision.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller Orders as follows:

1. Approval of the Utility's request for Interim, refundable water rates effective January 1, 2012 based on the proposed 2012 rates.
2. The establishment of a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. EWW shall mail a Notice of the Application, and Notice of Written Hearing Process attached as Appendix B to this Order, to all customers on or around November 17, 2011 allowing until December 21, 2011 for the Utility's customers to submit comments to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights (Secretary).
4. Persons wishing to participate as Interveners or Interested Parties, as described in Appendix B, should register with the Secretary by December 8, 2011.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of November, 2011.



Pieter J. Bekker
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

Attachments

**An Application by EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW”)
for Approval of 2012-2014 Revenue Requirements and Water Rate Adjustments
Effective January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014**

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Notices to be mailed from EWW to all its customers	November 17, 2011
Intervener/Interested Party Registrations	December 8, 2011
Deputy Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	December 8, 2011
Intervener IR No. 1	December 15, 2011
Customers’ submissions deadline per Notice	December 21, 2011
EWW Response to Deputy Comptroller and Intervener IR No. 1 and any other questions from customers’ submissions	January 12, 2012
EWW Final Submission	January 26, 2012
Intervener Final Submission	February 9, 2012
EWW Reply Submission	February 16, 2012

Note: If another round of Information Requests is required, the Deputy Comptroller will issue another Order/Revised Regulatory Timetable during this hearing process.

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NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING PROCESS

THE APPLICATION

On October 31, 2011 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights a Revenue Requirements/Water Tariff Amendments Application with detailed supporting documentation (“the Application”) to adjust water rates January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014 and with a request that the proposed 2012 rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2012.

On November 7, 2011, by Order No. 2288, the Deputy Comptroller approved the Utility’s request for Interim, refundable water rates effective January 1, 2012 based on the proposed 2012 rates and has established a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Order 2288, Appendix A, establishes a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application by way of a written hearing process. The Order and detailed Regulatory Timetable can be

reviewed on EWW's website as noted in its Notice to be mailed to all customers by November 17, 2011 along with this Notice. Note that customers have until December 21, 2011 to submit comments (or questions of the Utility) on the Application to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights (the Secretary).

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons wishing to actively participate in this proceeding should register as Interveners in writing with the Secretary by December 8, 2011. An e-mail address should be provided if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, may register as Interested Parties with the Secretary in writing by December 8, 2011 identifying their interest in the Application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

This Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection by the Utility on its website and local office in Parksville as noted in its Notice to be mailed to all customers along with this Notice.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application is to be placed on the Utility's website.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact me or the Utility directly.



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