

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 2015-2017 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application and  
Interim Tariff Rate Adjustments  
Effective January 1, 2015**

**ORDER**

Dated this 12th day of January, 2015

BEFORE:

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

WHEREAS:

1. On December 19, 2014 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. ("EWW" or "the Utility") filed a Revenue Requirements and Rates Application with detailed support ("the Application") to adjust rates January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 with a request that the proposed 2015 rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2015. The Application also proposes minor amendments to the Utility's Water Tariff.
2. The request for the 2015 proposed rates to be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2015 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, 2015 based on the proposed 2015 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 January 22, 2015 allowing until February 23, 2015 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, as described in Appendix B, should register with the Secretary by February 11, 2015.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of January, 2015.



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Pieter J. Bekker  
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

Attachments

**An Application by EPCOR Water (West) Inc. ("EWW")  
for Approval of 2015-2017 Revenue Requirements and Water Rate Increases  
Effective January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017**

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>DUE DATE</u></b>
Notices to be mailed from EWW to all its customers	January 22, 2015
Intervener Registrations	February 11, 2015
Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	February 11, 2015
Intervener IR No. 1	February 18, 2015
Customers' submissions deadline per Notice	February 23, 2015
EWW Response to Comptroller and Intervener IR No. 1 and any other questions from customers' submissions	March 9, 2015
EWW Final Submission	March 16, 2015
Intervener Final Submission	March 23, 2015
EWW Reply Submission	March 27, 2015

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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French Creek and Interim Tariff Rate Adjustments  
Effective January 1, 2015**

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING PROCESS**

**THE APPLICATION**

On December 19, 2014 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights a Revenue Requirements and Rates Application with detailed supporting documentation (“the Application”) to adjust water rates January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 and with a request that the proposed 2015 rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2015. The Utility also proposes minor amendments to its Water Tariff.

On January 12, 2015, by Order No. 2408 the Deputy Comptroller approved the Utility’s request for interim, refundable water rates effective January 1, 2015 based on the proposed 2015 rates and has established a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application.

**THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

Order 2408, 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 January 22,

2015 along with a copy of this Notice. Note that customers have until February 23, 2015 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 February 11, 2015. An email address should be provided if available. Interveners' Information Requests of the Utility are due February 18, 2015.

### **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.

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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**WATER UTILITY ACT**  
**INTERIM WATER TARIFF NO. 4**  
**RATES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**For**  
**WATER SERVICE**  
**Near**  
**PARKSVILLE, BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**By**  
**EPCOR WATER (WEST) INC.**  
10-D 1343 Alberni Highway  
Parksville, British Columbia  
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**Contact Person(s)**


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EPCOR Water (West) Inc.

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Parksville, British Columbia

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Comptroller of Water Rights

Effective: January 1, 2015

  
Secretary to the Comptroller

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