

Order No. 2572

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

EPCOR Water (West) Inc.

**For Approval of 2021-2023
Revenue Requirement and Rates Application**

Effective January 1, 2021

BEFORE:

Jesal Shah, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

ORDER 2572

Dated this 20th day of October 2020

WHEREAS:

1. On September 9, 2020 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) submitted its 2021-2023 Revenue Requirement and Rates Application (the “Application” or “2021-2023 RRA”) requesting approval of proposed adjustments to its water rates in order to recover EWW’s forecast revenue requirement for the 2021-2023 period.
2. The proposed water rates reflect no general increase or decrease for all rates for each customer class as summarized in the table below:

**Proposed Water Rates
2021-2023
(S)**

	A 2021	B 2022	C 2023
Base Rates			
1 Residential	43.45	43.45	43.45
2 Multi-Residential	39.53	39.53	39.53
3 Commercial	38.39	38.39	38.39
Consumption Rates			
Residential			
4 12-75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93
5 > 75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93
Multi-Residential			
6 12-75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93
7 > 75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93
Commercial			
8 12-75 cubic meters	0.96	0.96	0.96
9 > 75 cubic meters	0.96	0.96	0.96
10 Fire Hydrants (annual)	582.84	582.84	582.84
11 Standpipes (annual)	233.14	233.14	233.14
12 Availability of Service Charge (annual)	365.01	365.01	365.01

3. EWW has proposed an adjustment to its lower rate tier from 15m³-75 m³ to 12m³-75 m³ which would result in a reduction to the monthly base rates.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller orders as follows:

1. 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.
2. 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 13, 2020 allowing until December 18, 2020 for the Utility’s customers to submit comments to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights (“Secretary”).

3. Persons wishing to participate as Interveners, as described in Appendix B, should register with the Secretary by December 4, 2020.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of October, 2020.



Jesal Shah, P.Eng., MBA
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

Attachments

**An Application by EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW”)
for Approval of 2021-2023 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application
Effective January 1, 2021**

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Notices to be mailed from EWW to all its customers	November 13, 2020
Intervener Registrations	December 4, 2020
Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	December 4, 2020
Intervener IR No. 1	December 18, 2020
Customers’ submissions deadline per Notice	December 18, 2020
EWW Response to Comptroller and Intervener IR No. 1 and any other questions from customers’ submissions	January 15, 2021
EWW Final Submission	January 22, 2021
Intervener Final Submission	January 29, 2021
EWW Reply Submission	February 5, 2021

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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**For Approval of 2021-2022 Revenue Requirement and Rates Application
for French Creek**

Effective January 1, 2021

NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING PROCESS

THE APPLICATION

On September 9, 2020 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) filed with the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights (the “Secretary”) a Revenue Requirement and Rates Application with detailed supporting documentation (“the Application”) to adjust water rates in order to recover forecast revenue requirements for the 2021-2023 period.

The proposed water rates reflect no general increase or decrease for all rates for each customer class. EWW has also proposed an adjustment to its lower rate tier which will result in a reduction to the monthly base rates.

On October 19, 2020, by Order No. 2572 the Deputy Comptroller established a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Order 2572, 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

13, 2020 along with a copy of this Notice. Note that customers have until December 18, 2020 to submit comments on the Application to the Secretary and to EWW.

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons wishing to actively participate in this proceeding should register as Interveners in writing with the Secretary by December 4, 2020. An email address should be provided if available. Interveners' Information Requests of the Utility are due December 18, 2020.

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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