

ORDER NUMBER 2568

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 an
Application for Adjustment
of the
Contribution in Aid of Future Construction Charge**

BEFORE:

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

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Dated this 24th day of July 2020

Whereas:

1. On June 23, 2020 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) submitted an Application with detailed support to increase its Contribution in Aid of Future Construction (CIAC) charge as shown on Schedule B of its Water Tariff No. 5, from \$19,000 to \$21,200 for each unit, along with further increases in future years at a rate of forecast inflation.
2. The Utility requested that the proposed CIAC charge be approved on an interim, refundable basis pursuant to Section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*.
3. The request for the proposed CIAC charge increase, to be approved on an interim, refundable basis will allow sufficient time for a review process leading to a final Decision and Order. If the final Decision and Order determines that the final charge is to be lower than the interim rate, any excess will be refunded to affected customers with interest.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller orders as follows:

1. The Utility’s request for an interim, refundable CIAC charge increase to \$21,200 for each unit effective the date of this Order is approved. The CIAC charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final Decision of the Deputy Comptroller.
2. EWW shall advertise the Application by placing a Notice in the local newspaper and emailing a Notice of the Application, and a copy of this Order to the French Creek Residents Association. Copies of the Utility’s Application, Notice and Order shall also be posted on EWW’s website.
3. Persons wishing to submit comments shall have until Friday, September 11, 2020 to make a written submission to Chris McMillan, the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights.
4. Following receipt of comments, the Deputy Comptroller will determine the form of the review process to be followed and the critical dates for information requests and submissions, if required.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of July 2020.



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