# 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 Revenue Requirements for 2015, 2016 and 2017 and Amended Tariff Rates and Terms and Conditions Effective January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017

### ORDER

Dated this 22nd day of June, 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") made an Application for 2015 to 2017 Revenue Requirements and Tariff Amendments effective January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 ("the Application"). On January 9, 2015, by Order 2408, the Deputy Comptroller approved the requested interim, refundable rates effective January 1, 2015 based on the Application.
- 2. On May 26, 2015 the Deputy Comptroller issued Decision and Order No. 2420 with Reasons appended on the Application. The Application, with modifications, was

approved subject to EWW refiling its Application in accordance with the Order and directives in the Reasons for Decision.

3. On June 16, 2015 the Utility refiled its Application in accordance with the directions given by the Deputy Comptroller in and summarized on pages 43 to 47 of the Reasons for Order 2420. The effect on rates is to reduce proposed rates for all classes from about 12% to 10% per year for 2015 to 2017. EWW proposes to apply the final water rates and rate riders during its July billing period for consumption beginning April 1, 2015. EWW acknowledges there will be a refund to customers to reflect the difference between EWW's 2015 interim water rate increase and its 2015 final water rate increase, based on consumption from January to March 2015. EWW proposes to issue this refund to its customers by adjusting the 2015 rate rider charged to residential customers for consumption after April 1, 2015.

## **Determinations**

The Utility's refiled Application for 2015 to 2017 Revenue Requirements and Tariff Amendments effective January 1, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 is approved and accepted for filing.

EWW's proposal to issue refunds to its customers for the difference between the 2015 interim rate increase and final, refiled rate increase based on consumption for January to March 2015 by adjusting the 2015 rate rider is approved.

Having considered all of the evidence affecting EWW's 2015 to 2017 Revenue Requirements and Tariff Amendments Application, IT IS HEREBY DECIDED AND ORDERED THAT the revised Application as shown in the Utility's June 12, 2015 refiling is approved and accepted for filing effective January 1, 2015.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of June, 2015.

Pieter J. Bekker

Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

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