

Order No. 2582

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
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Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

ORDER 2582

Dated this 17th day of March 2021

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. A written hearing process was conducted from November 13, 2020 to February 5, 2021. On March 1, 2021 the Deputy Comptroller issued Order 2581 that required EWW to refile the Application in accordance with the determinations and directives in the Reasons for Order 2581 by March 15, 2021. Until then, the 2020 water rates and Water Tariff effective January 1, 2018 were to continue.
3. On March 12, 2021 EWW submitted its 2021-2023 RRA refiling with adjusted Financial Schedules and revised Water Tariff No. 6 in accordance with the directions given by the Deputy Comptroller in Order 2581. Revenue Requirements for 2021, 2022 and 2023 were adjusted and the effect on rates is to decrease the applied-for water rates by 0.35% per year for 2021 to 2023. EWW proposes to apply the final water rates and rate riders during its April billing period for consumption beginning January 1, 2021.

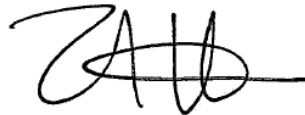
The revised rates compared to the applied-for rates are presented below:

	Application			Refiling		
	A 2021F	B 2022F	C 2023F	D 2021F	E 2022F	F 2023F
Base Rates						
1 Residential	43.45	43.45	43.45	43.30	43.30	43.30
2 Multi-Residential	39.53	39.53	39.53	39.40	39.40	39.40
3 Commercial	38.39	38.39	38.39	38.25	38.25	38.25
Consumption Rates						
Residential						
4 12-75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.92
5 > 75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.92
Multi-Residential						
6 12-75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.92
7 > 75 cubic meters	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.92
Commercial						
8 12-75 cubic meters	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
9 > 75 cubic meters	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
10 Fire Hydrants (annual)	582.84	582.84	582.84	580.82	580.82	580.82
11 Standpipes (annual)	233.14	233.14	233.14	232.33	232.33	232.33
12 Availability of Service Charge (annual)	365.01	365.01	365.01	363.74	363.74	363.74

4. The relevant evidence submitted by the Utility and interveners in the written public hearing process has been reviewed and considered.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller orders that the refiled 2021 to 2023 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application is approved and accepted for filing effective January 1, 2021.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of March, 2021.

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