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# MINUTES Public Utilities Commission

July 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers 311 Vernon Street Roseville, CA 95678

#### 1. Roll Call

**PUC Commissioners Present:** 

Tom Barrington Jim Hardy

Susan Rohan Bruce Scheidt

**PUC Commissioners Absent:** 

None

Staff Present:

Derrick Whitehead, Environmental Utilities Director

Tom Habashi, Electric Utility Director

Tom Green, Assistant Electric Utility Director, Admin & Retail

Services

Philip McAvoy, Rates & Customer Information Manager Dave Brown, Assistant Electric Utility Director, Power Supply

Michelle Bertolino, Assistant Electric Utility Director,

Distribution

Vonette McCauley, Electric Public Relations Manager

Alcides Hernandez, Electric Rate Analyst

Joe Mandell, Deputy City Attorney

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. Minutes of June 23, 2009

The minutes of June 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.

#### 4. Oral Comments/Public Comment

None.

#### 5. New Business

## a. Environmental Utilities Monthly Update

Report by Environmental Utilities Director Derrick Whitehead summarizing monthly status of Environmental Utilities issues, for information.

#### b. Environmental Utilities Legislative Update

Presentation by Attorney Ryan Bezerra of Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan Law Firm on Water Conservation bills AB49 and SB261, for information.

Agenda item 5b was continued.

## c. Environmental Utilities Water Supply Strategy

Presentation by Environmental Utilities Director Derrick Whitehead on the Water Supply Strategy, for information.

Agenda item 5c was continued.

### d. Roseville Electric Monthly Update

Report by Electric Utility Director Tom Habashi summarizing monthly status of Roseville Electric issues, for information.

## e. Roseville Electric Rate Proposal of 2010

Presentation by Electric Utility Director Tom Habashi on the Roseville Electric Rate Proposal of 2010, for recommendation.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Richard Roccucci, 911 Herbert Street, commented on a letter he sent to the Commission and requested the Commission take its time in reviewing the information before taking action. Staff answered Mr. Roccucci's questions and indicated the questions and answers would be added to the Frequently Asked Questions list located on Roseville Electric's webpage.

Scott Barber, SureWest, 114 Vernon Street, spoke in opposition of the proposed rate adjustment.

Wendy Gehrig, Roseville Chamber of Commerce, spoke in opposition of the rate adjustment and offered the Chamber's help with state regulations.

Chuck Cinnamon, 207 Saint Annes Place, spoke in favor of the proposed rate adjustment.

Bob Crum Sr., 635 Hovey Way, spoke in opposition of the proposed rate adjustment.

Chairperson Hardy closed public comment.

Commissioner Rohan requested effort be placed on the Medium Business Rate to bring it more in line with the others.

Commissioner Scheidt requested analysis of the franchise fee and indirects and their impact on rates.

MOTION: Commissioner Scheidt made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Rohan, recommending Council adopt the first adjustment of 6.2% in January 2010 and consider the two additional adjustments after further review of the growth projections that were used in the analysis; PG&E proposed ballot initiative; Nexant study; potential for reducing Roseville Electric's franchise fee and indirect costs; impacts of AB32; and restoring the rate stabilization fund at a slower pace to reduce the proposed rate adjustment.

Aves:

Barrington, Rohan, Scheidt

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Noes: Absent: Hardy None

## 8. Reports – Commission/Staff

None.

## 9. Proposed Future Agenda Items

There is a Special PUC Meeting on August 13 at the Corporation Yard to discuss Climate Action Plan and will include continued agenda items 5b and 5c from this meeting.

Commissioner Hardy reminded the Commission that the regular meeting of August 25, 2009 will include a vote for Chair and Vice Chairperson.

Tom Habashi reported staff will have responses to Commissioner questions regarding growth projections, information on indirect costs and franchise fees, Nexant study results, and an update on AB32 at the August 25, 2009 meeting.

## 10. Adjournment

Commissioner Scheidt moved for adjournment of the July 28, 2009 Public Utilities Commission meeting. Commissioner Barrington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 10:25 p.m.

Jim Hardy Chairperson

Karen Sainsbury Recording Secretary