

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Board of Public Utilities

PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATES & RULE 5 AND APPENDIX A FOR BOTH ELECTRIC AND WATER

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2006

Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Public Utilities Board Room
3901 Orange Street (at Ninth and Orange Streets)
Riverside, California

1. **CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2. **ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present:

Jim Anderson (Chair)

Mary Curtin

Dave Barnhart

Bob Stockton

Ken Sutter

Peter Hubbard

Assistant City Manager Michael Beck was in attendance.

Absent: Joe Tavaglione
Robert Elliott
Bernie Titus

3. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW OF RULES OF CONDUCT**

Chairman Jim Anderson announced in accordance with the published notice that the Board of Public Utilities was holding a Public Hearing to consider a proposed two-year electric rate increase plan, changes to electric rate structures, suspension to economic development rate schedule, late charges for late payment of utility bills, and changes to electric rate schedules and electric and water Rule 5 and Appendix A. He stated the following:

- A. The purpose of the hearing was to consider comments from anyone present regarding the Department's proposed changes;
- B. No action would be taken by the Board of Public Utilities at this time;
- C. The public would be allowed to address the Board of Public Utilities in order of sign up; and
- D. Prior to receiving public input, the Board requested staff to provide a summary of the proposed changes.

PUBLIC UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS & STAFF PRESENTATION

General Manager Dave Wright stated that the outreach to the public announcing the public hearing was in the handouts that were distributed.

General Manager Dave Wright gave an overview of the following proposals:

- A. PROPOSED TWO-YEAR ELECTRIC RATE PLAN**
- B. PROPOSED CHANGE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE**
- C. PROPOSED LATE CHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OF UTILITY BILLS**
- D. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELECTRIC RULES, FEES AND CHARGES AND RATE SCHEDULES**

After a presentation regarding the Electric rate increase by General Manager Wright, Board Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing for public comments.

5. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

A total of nine citizens/business owners including representation from the Chamber of Commerce were in attendance with six individuals speaking about the electric rate increase. All six speakers understood the reasons for and supported the rate increase but did request the Board to consider extending the rate increase from two years to three years.

Upon conclusion of public comments, Board Chairman Anderson closed the public hearing and turned to the Board Members for comment.

6. CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

Motion – Barnhart. Second – Stockton.

Ayes: Anderson, Curtin, Barnhart, Stockton, Sutter, and Hubbard.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Joe Tavaglione
Robert Elliott
Bernie Titus

7. **CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Stockton requested staff bring the current two year rate plan as well as an alternative three year rate plan to the Board for consideration at the next Board Meeting on November 17, 2006.

Board Member Barnhart requested staff analyze the financial implications of the tiered residential rate structure relative to the number of customers and the percentage rate increases for tiers 3 & 4.

Board Member Sutter expressed concern related to the application of late fees and interest on late or delinquent customer payments.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chairman Jim Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to the meeting of the Board of Public Utilities to be held on Friday, November 17, 2006, at **8:15** a.m. in the Public Utilities Board Room located at 3901 Orange Street in Riverside, California.

By: _____
David H. Wright, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated: November 17, 2006