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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
RATE FAIRNESS BOARD
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Minutes Special Meeting Agenda
Friday, January 16, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

In-person Meeting: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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MEETING AGENDA

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Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2026; Draft

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Special Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025; Rate Fairness Board

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Comments on CleanPowerSF Solar Billing Tariff, "Proposed FYE 2025-26

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CleanPowerSF Rate Update"

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1. Call to Order

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The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called

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to order at 2:03 PM in-person and via teleconference.

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2. Roll Call

Member Name/Title

Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer

Masood Samereie, Vice-Chair, City Retail Large Business Customer

Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance

Eric Dew, Residential City Retail Customer

Ben Becker, Refuse Rates Analyst

Celeste Middleton, Principal Budget & Planning Analyst

Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer

Appointed By

Board of Supervisors

Mayor's Office

Controller's Office

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City Administrator

Board of Supervisors

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Roll Call:

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- Present: Chair Ash, Vice-chair Samereie, Member Trivedi, Member*

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Dew, Member Middleton, Member Becker

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3. General Public Comment

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Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda.

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Public Comment: No public comment.

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4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025

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(Discussion and Action)

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Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns.

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Public Comment: No public comment.

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The minutes of the special meeting of December 4, 2025, were adopted

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upon a motion by Vice-Chair Samereie and seconded by Member Trivedi.

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Roll Call Vote:

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- Ayes: Chair Ash, Vice-Chair Samereie, Member Trivedi, Member Dew,*

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Member Becker, Member Middleton

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5. Report of the Chair

a. Rate Fairness Board thoughts/presentation on the CleanPowerSF Solar Billing Tariff Plan

The Board discusses the CleanPowerSF Solar Billing Services proposal. The Chair explains that this issue had been discussed during previous board meetings and that draft comments have been prepared summarizing the board’s preliminary feedback.

The purpose of the discussion is to review the proposed changes to solar billing policies and determine whether the board wishes to submit formal comments to the Commission.

Board members discuss the current compensation structure for rooftop solar generation and whether adjustments are appropriate. Some members note that while rooftop solar has played a significant role in advancing renewable energy adoption, compensation structures must also ensure fairness across all ratepayers.

A key topic of discussion involves the complexity of the proposed pricing structure. Staff explains that solar export values could vary hourly based on market conditions and system demand. This structure could involve different values across the 8,760 hours in a year.

Board members express concern that such a granular system might be difficult for average customers to understand. Members discuss whether additional tools, educational materials, or simplified communication could help customers better understand how solar compensation is calculated.

Staff explain that hourly pricing more accurately reflects real electricity market conditions and helps align solar generation with grid needs. For example, electricity produced during high-demand evening periods may have greater value than electricity produced during midday periods when supply is abundant.

The board also discuss the importance of protecting existing solar customers. Members generally agree that individuals who installed solar systems under earlier compensation policies should be protected through grandfathering provisions. This approach would ensure that customers who made long-term financial investments based on prior rules would continue receiving expected benefits.

Board members ask questions regarding program monitoring and evaluation. Staff explains that data related to solar installations, capacity, and participation levels is typically tracked and published in annual reports. These reports often categorize participation by

115 customer class to provide greater transparency regarding program
116 impacts.

117 Staff reminds the Board that if it wishes to submit formal comments to
118 the Commission regarding the proposal, written comments will need to
119 be submitted prior to the established deadline so they will be included in
120 the Commission's meeting materials.

121 The Board reviews the Chair's draft comment letter. Minor edits and
122 clarifications are discussed, including adjustments to the letter.

123 *Public Comment:*

124 Janine Cotter of Luminalt expressed concern about the proposed
125 changes to solar billing and emphasized the importance of maintaining
126 strong incentives for rooftop solar adoption.

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128 Juliano Lodi of Sutro Power, representing the Solar and Storage
129 Coalition of San Francisco, spoke about the formation of a coalition of
130 solar companies advocating for policies that support continued solar
131 deployment.

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133 William Alschuler provided comments based on his experience in
134 energy consulting and solar system design. He highlighted the
135 importance of maintaining policies that encourage investment in solar
136 technology while ensuring safety and affordability.

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138 **b. Staff update on the proposed decrease to CleanPowerSF**
139 **generation rates**

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141 Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, presents the proposed
142 CleanPowerSF rate update with an overview of the rate study, prior rate
143 updates, and charge comparisons to PG&E. One of CleanPowerSF's
144 goals is to provide affordable rates to their customers and competitive
145 bills. PG&E has increased customer bills with their PCIA and delivery
146 charges. To offset those charges, a generation rate decrease is
147 proposed for CleanPowerSF.

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149 If ongoing rate study suggests additional changes, staff may consider
150 on July 1st with structural changes if needed.

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152 Members discuss the upcoming CleanPowerSF generation rate
153 decrease proposal and how the Board might present comments to the
154 Commission.

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156 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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158 **c. Rate Fairness Board thoughts/presentation on the proposed**
159 **CleanPowerSF generation rate decrease**

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161 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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163 **6. Items Initiated by Board Members**

164 **a. Explanation of the upcoming changes to the structure of PG&E**
165 **electricity billing, and how this might impact the rates of**
166 **CleanPower SF and Hetch Hetchy Power**
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168 The Board discusses upcoming changes to the PG&E electricity billing
169 structure. Chair Howard Ash notes that customers recently received notices
170 regarding the introduction of a fixed base service charge.
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172 Staff explains that the base service charge represents a fixed monthly fee
173 applied to the delivery portion of electricity bills. The change is intended to
174 shift some cost recovery from volumetric energy charges to fixed charges.
175 Staff further explains that while the base charge would increase the fixed
176 portion of bills, the volumetric energy rate would be reduced. The overall
177 impact on customers would vary depending on individual electricity usage
178 patterns.
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180 Board members ask questions regarding how the new rate structure might
181 affect different groups of customers particularly on low-income households
182 and customers with lower energy consumption.
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184 Staff explains that customers enrolled in the CARE and FERA programs
185 would receive reduced base service charges. Outreach programs are
186 expected to continue encouraging eligible customers to enroll in these
187 assistance programs.
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189 Members discuss transparency in rate design and the challenges
190 associated with analyzing complex utility rate proposals. Staff note that
191 detailed rate calculations are often released shortly before implementation,
192 which can make early evaluation difficult.
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194 *Public Comment: No public comment.*
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196 **7. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)**
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198 The Board discusses potential administrative and governance changes
199 affecting city boards and commissions. Staff notes that proposals had been
200 discussed that could modify how certain boards operate.
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202 The proposals may involve moving certain governing language from the
203 City Charter into administrative codes and establishing term limits for board
204 members. Staff clarifies that any such changes would require formal
205 approval through the legislative process and action by the Board of
206 Supervisors.
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208 *Public Comment: No public comment.*
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210 **8. Adjournment**
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212 *Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.*

213 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
214 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary via email at
215 RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to
216 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are
217 available online at [sfpub.gov/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](http://sfpub.gov/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
218 [board](http://sfpub.gov/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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220 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
221 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
222 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
223 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
224 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
225 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
226 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
227 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
228 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
229 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
230 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
231 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)
232 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
233 producing electronic devices.

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236 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,
237 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct
238 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
239 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For
240 information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the
241 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,
242 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett
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246 **Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance:** by printing
247 Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
248 sfbos.org/sunshine.

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250 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助 / Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
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256 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
257 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
258 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &

259 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
260 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
261 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San
262 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
263 at sfgov.org/ethics.

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265 Explanatory documents that have been provided to the Board in connection
266 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at [sfpuc.gov/about-](http://sfpuc.gov/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
267 [us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board](http://sfpuc.gov/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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