# Exhibit to Agenda Item #13

Adopt resolution to make changes to SMUD's Rates, Rules and Regulations proposed by Chief Executive Officer and General Manager's Report and Recommendations on Rates and Services (Volumes 1 & 2) dated June 15, 2023 ("CEO & GM Report").

**Board of Directors Meeting** 

Thursday, September 21, 2023, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium



### Proposed changes to SMUD rates

Rate Proposal	Rate Increase & Effective Date	Customer Groups Impacted
2024 – 2025 rate increases	<ul> <li>2.75% effective on 1/1/2024</li> <li>2.75% effective on 5/1/2024</li> <li>2.75% effective on 1/1/2025</li> <li>2.75% effective on 5/1/2025</li> </ul>	All Customers
Additional discount for our most vulnerable Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR) customers	Increase benefit from \$70/month up to \$105/month. \$2M/year funded with non-rates revenue.	EAPR customers with income within 0 – 50% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

#### Miscellaneous changes:

- Rate Holidays: Align SMUD rate holidays to federal holidays. Remove Lincoln's Birthday and add Juneteenth.
- **Generator Standby Charge:** Clarify application to facilities that use SMUD as backup service.
- **Hydro Generation Adjustment:** Add WAPA\* hydro generation to the HGA tariff and change measurement station.
- Commercial Power Theft: Simplify estimation of unrecovered commercial revenue with simple \$/kWh rate.
- Clean-up items: Remove residential and commercial legacy rate and general clean up of tariffs.



### 2023 Rate Process Summary

# Apr 18 Board Committee Meeting @ 6 p.m. Overview of the 2023 rate process

#### **Public outreach process contacts:**

- 30+ direct presentations
- 1,200+ community & business leaders
- 55 local elected officials
- 125 community & business partners
- 300+ commercial customers

#### **Jun 15**

Released the CEO & GM Reports and Recommendations on Rates and Services

#### Jul 13 & Aug 3

Hosted public rates workshops

#### Aug 30

- Public rates hearing @ 6 p.m.
- Draft rate resolution introduced

#### **Sep 21**

Final decision on rate resolution at SMUD Board meeting

EXTENSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH THROUGHOUT

Apr

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep



# Public outreach process: direct engagement

276,000+

Emails to customers, local organizations and to our Listserv subscribers.

Community & business leaders received emails, letters and/or phone calls to offer meetings & information.



1,200+

Local elected officials were mailed info packets and offered to meet.



**55** 



Community & business partners were provided information and fact sheets to share with their constituents, members and networks.

300+



Community organizations or neighborhood associations received presentations, attended a roundtable or received a recorded presentation.



## Summary of alternative recommendations

- Alternative recommendation 1: Implement new "FlexEquity" rate with tiered rates in every hour, using kilo volt-amp-hour (kVAh) as the unit of measure for energy charges to capture Power Factor (PF).
  - Response: This rate would be a significant change from current rates and would be extremely complex for customers to understand and follow.
- Alternative recommendation 2: Proposal to reduce existing residential rates revenue due to a scalar.
  - Response: SMUD follows widely accepted rate making methods, the change would reduce retail revenue and impact SMUD's ability to meet minimum financial metrics.
- Alternative recommendation 3: Publicize the smart meter opt out program and the analog meter option.
  - Response: This recommendation is not relevant to the 2023 rate process.



# Summary of alternative recommendations

- Alternative recommendation 4: Begin rate process over again with added expense data to comply with Public Utilities Code, section 14404.3(e).
  - Response: The 2023 CEO & GM Report provides information in sufficient detail to permit an assessment of the need for any proposed changes.
- Alternative recommendation 5: Provide cost justification for the proposed rates and start the rate process over again.
  - Response: The 2022 Rate Study demonstrates that cost components increased and reasonably justifies the proposed rates.
- Alternative recommendation 6: Do not increase rates.
  - Response: Not increasing rates would result in inadequate revenue for 2024 and 2025 to meet minimum financial metrics.



# Requested Action

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