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SPECIAL SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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6:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.
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SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Ward 7: HEIDI SANBORN, President
- Ward 4: ROSANNA HERBER, Vice President
- Ward 1: BRANDON ROSE, Chair
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- Ward 2: NANCY BUI-THOMPSON
- Ward 5: ROB KERTH

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- CLAIRE ROGERS, Director Internal Audit Services
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- TONI STELLING, Administrative Support
- JOE SCHOFIELD, Deputy General Counsel
- LORA ANGUAY, Chief Zero Carbon Officer
- SURESH KOTHA, Chief Information Officer
- JENNIFER DAVIDSON, Chief Financial Officer
- JOSE BODIPO-MEMBA, Chief Diversity Officer
- FARRES EVERLY, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer
- ANDREW MEDITZ, Senior Attorney
- JOY MASTACHE, Senior Attorney
- STEVEN LINS, Deputy General Counsel & Director Government Affairs
- ALCIDES HERNANDEZ, Manager Revenue Strategy
- MELISSA KWONG, Supervisor Rates
- JAMES FRASHER, Manager Economic Development & Partnership
- TOM MOORE, Project Manager

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(Reporter's Note: The Court Reporter attended meeting via Zoom and was not able to identify all speakers.)

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PURPA HEARING

1 (Meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m.)

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you.

3 So Item No. 1 on tonight's agenda is conduct a
4 public hearing to consider two new federal standards in
5 accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
6 Act of 1978, or PURPA, as amended by the Infrastructure
7 Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Demand-Response
8 Practices and Electric Vehicle Charging Programs.

9 All right. The public hearing will be
10 transcribed by a court reporter.

11 At this time I would like to open the public
12 hearing.

13 For taking public comment, there will be a
14 staff presentation. I would ask speakers to combine
15 your comments to the PURPA item. If you have comments
16 on other SMUD matters, you will have the opportunity to
17 speak when the agenda item is called or during the
18 general public comment portion of the agenda.

19 DIRECTOR ROSE: All right. We have Andrew
20 Meditz our senior attorney.

21 MR. MEDITZ: Good evening -- there we go.

22 Good evening, Board Members. Thanks for
23 having me. Again, Andrew Meditz. I'm a senior
24 attorney in the legal department.

25 And tonight -- and tonight I'm going to

1 talk about a federal compliance requirement under the
2 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

3 Just a little background first. So PURPA was
4 adopted in the wake of the oil crisis in the '70s, and
5 it's really intended to promote conservation and
6 efficiency in the electric industry.

7 Title I of PURPA are called Retail Regulatory
8 Policies for Electric Utilities. They're commonly
9 referred to as "Shall Consider Standards." And SMUD is
10 a covered utility under PURPA, and therefore our Board
11 has to consider these Retail Regulatory Policies as
12 they pop up. And just to be clear, the Board has to
13 consider but there is no actual requirement to adopt
14 the standard.

15 Congress periodically adds new standards to
16 PURPA, which is what they did in 2021 with the
17 Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act, and that added the
18 20th and 21st of the Shall Consider Standards.

19 The first one is on Demand-Response Practices
20 which encourages utilities to promote the use of Demand
21 Response by customers to reduce electricity consumption
22 during periods of high demand; and the second one is on
23 Electric Vehicle Charging Programs which encourages
24 utilities to promote greater electrification of the
25 transportation sector.

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1 So there is a few administrative process
2 requirements under PURPA that we have to comply with.
3 It's really a two-step process. SMUD and the Board
4 commenced consideration on October 20th of 2022 last
5 year, and now the second step is to complete
6 consideration and determination -- and make a
7 determination by November 15th, 2023. So under the
8 second step there must be a noticed hearing with
9 opportunity for public comment, which is what we're
10 having tonight here, and in the next couple slides I'll
11 briefly cover the Staff Reports which go into detail
12 about all SMUD is doing around Demand Response and
13 Electric Vehicles, and it includes proposed findings
14 for the Board's consideration.

15 These Staff Reports are included in the Board
16 packet, and they were also posted on SMUD.org last week
17 for the public to review.

18 The Board must make a determination whether to
19 adopt the standards or not, which will occur at
20 tomorrow's board meeting, after the hearing tonight of
21 course. And then lastly the written determination must
22 be made available to the public, which we'll do by
23 posting on SMUD.org after tomorrow's meeting.

24 Now, jumping to the Staff Report. So Staff
25 developed a detailed Staff Report and Findings on the

1 Demand-Response Practices Standard. This slide
2 highlights a few of the programs initiatives and rates
3 that SMUD has to promote Demand Response.

4 And there is also a detailed staff report that
5 covers all we're doing around EV charging programs, and
6 this slide highlights, you know, programs, initiatives
7 and rates as well that we have in place that promote
8 electrification of transportation.

9 So with that, the recommendation is for the
10 Board to adopt the proposed findings in the Staff
11 Report and find that the ER and the EV federal
12 standards under PURPA are appropriate for use by SMUD.

13 And that's all I have, and I'm happy to answer
14 any questions if you have any.

15 MR. SCHOFIELD: Any questions?

16 DIRECTOR ROSE: I don't have any.

17 MR. SCHOFIELD: Okay.

18 DIRECTOR ROSE: But do you need anything from
19 us?

20 MR. MEDITZ: Yeah, just go on the consent
21 calendar and that will be the Board's determination to
22 comply with PURPA.

23 DIRECTOR ROSE: Perfect. Thank you for
24 that.

25 MR. MEDITZ: Thank you.

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1 DIRECTOR ROSE: Do we have any public comment?

2 We do not.

3 We don't seem to have anybody raising their
4 hand virtually either.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Anybody else?

6 MR. SCHOFIELD: Do we need to close the
7 hearing then?

8 DIRECTOR ROSE: We do.

9 MR. SCHOFIELD: Okay. Then we will officially
10 close the hearing. The consent will be put on the
11 agenda. Thank you.

12 (Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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That the statements of all parties made at the time of the proceeding were recorded stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed into typewriting;

That the foregoing transcript is a record of the statements of all parties made at the time of the proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I subscribe my name on this 19th day of November, 2023.



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