

2025-2027 PBR Application - Proposed Regulatory Schedule and Guiding Objectives

EPCOR WATER SERVICES

2025-2027 PERFORMANCE BASED REGULATION RATES APPLICATIONS PROPOSED REGULATORY SCHEDULE AND GUIDING OBJECTIVES

May 6, 2024	Utility Committee Meeting - review of proposed regulatory schedule and guiding objectives.
May 14, 2024	City Council Meeting - approval of regulatory schedule and guiding objectives.
May 31, 2024	EWS Rates Applications - submitted to the City Manager.
June 03, 2024 and June 28, 2024	Public Advertisement - EWS first and second public advertisement of a Utility Committee meeting on October 11, 2024 and process for public submissions.
July 15, 2024	Deadline for Written Questions to EWS from Councillors, Utility Advisor and Administration.
July 22, 2024	Deadline for Public Submissions to receive a written response from EWS. Public submissions received after this date will be received for information only.
August 5, 2024	EWS Written Responses to questions from Councillors, Utility Advisor, Administration and Public Submissions.
September 4, 2024	Reasonableness Report from Administration on review of rates applications (external consultant engaged to assist, if required).
September 4, 2024	Report from the Utility Advisor on review of rates applications.
October 4, 2024	EWS' Response to Reports of Reasonableness from Administration and Utility Advisor.
October 11, 2024	Utility Committee Meeting - to review rates applications and submissions from EWS, Administration, Utility Advisor, and public. Recommendation to City Council regarding approval of rates applications and applicable bylaws.
November 12, 2024	Amended Rates Applications - EWS amends applications and applicable bylaws (if required based on directions from Utility Committee).
Between November 13, 2024 and January 17, 2025	City Council Meeting - approval of rates applications and three readings of applicable bylaws.

Guiding Objectives

Assessment of EWS' proposed rates shall reflect the following objectives:

- (i) EWS is entitled to a reasonable margin of profit from operations in relation to the provision of utility services within the boundaries of the city of Edmonton;
- (ii) The citizens of the city of Edmonton must be provided with safe and reliable utility services;
- (iii) All customer charges will be based upon cost of service;
- (iv) Rates will be sufficient to ensure the continued development of utility infrastructure to reasonably ensure the satisfaction of these objectives;
- (v) Utility services are to be provided in a manner that reflects reasonable environmental management and aligns with City objectives;
- (vi) Service levels and EWS performance will be assessed with reference to industry benchmarks and/or EWS' historical performance;
- (vii) PBR hearing process will provide EWS with an opportunity to present its final argument and/or summarize its position before a decision on rates is rendered; and,
- (viii) The timing of a decision and the effective date for approved rates must reflect the financial needs of EWS.