

**EPCOR WATER SERVICES INC.**

**2022-2026 PERFORMANCE BASED RATES APPLICATIONS**

**PROPOSED REGULATORY SCHEDULE AND GUIDING OBJECTIVES**

<b>February 5, 2021</b>	<b>Utility Committee Meeting</b> - review of proposed regulatory schedule and guiding objectives.
<b>February 22, 2021</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> - approval of regulatory schedule and guiding objectives.
<b>Mid-February 2021</b>	<b>EWSI Rates Applications</b> - submitted to the City Manager.
<b>March 2021</b>	<b>Public Advertisement</b> - EWSI first and second public advertisement of a Utility Committee meeting on June 25, 2021 and process for public submissions.
<b>March 31, 2021</b> <i>(six weeks after rates applications submitted)</i>	<b>Deadline for Written Questions</b> - to EWSI from Councillors, Utility Advisor and Administration.
<b>April 26, 2021</b>	<b>EWSI Written Responses</b> - to questions from Councillors, Utility Advisor and Administration.
<b>May 31, 2021</b> <i>(four weeks before Utility Committee meeting)</i>	<b>Deadline for Public Submissions</b> - to receive a written response from EWSI. Public submissions received after this date will be received for information only.
<b>May 31, 2021</b> <i>(four weeks before Utility Committee meeting)</i>	<b>Report from Administration</b> - on results of reasonableness review of rates applications (external consultant engaged to assist).
<b>May 31, 2021</b> <i>(four weeks before Utility Committee meeting)</i>	<b>Report from the Utility Advisor</b> - on review of rates applications.
<b>June 14, 2021</b>	<b>EWSI Written Responses</b> - to public submissions, Administration and Utility Advisor review of rates applications.
<b>June 25, 2021</b>	<b>Utility Committee Meeting</b> - to review rates applications and submissions from EWSI, Administration, Utility Advisor, and public. Recommendation to City Council regarding approval of rates applications and applicable bylaws.
<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Amended Rates Applications</b> - EWSI amends applications and applicable bylaws (if required based on direction from Utility Committee).
<b>July/August 2021</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> - approval of rates applications and three readings of applicable bylaws.

**Guiding Objectives (Note 1)**

Assessment of EWSI's proposed rates shall reflect the following objectives:

- (i) EWSI 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 EWSI performance will be assessed with reference to industry benchmarks and or EWSI's historical performance; and,
- (vii) The timing of a decision and the effective date for rates approved must reflect the financial needs of EWSI.

Note 1 - guiding objectives as prescribed in EPCOR Edmonton Regulated Utilities Procedures Bylaw 12294.