

Order No. 2662

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS
IN THE MATTER OF
the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act
and
EPCOR Water (West) Inc.
**For Approval of 2024-2026
Revenue Requirement and Rates Application**
Effective January 1, 2024

BEFORE:

Bryan Robinson, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
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Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

ORDER 2662

Dated this 25th day of October 2024

WHEREAS:

1. On December 15, 2023 EPCOR Water (West) Inc. (“EWW” or “the Utility”) submitted its 2024-2026 Revenue Requirement and Rates Application (the “Application” or “2024-2026 RRA”) requesting approval of proposed adjustments to its water rates in order to recover EWW’s forecast revenue requirement for the 2021-2023 period.
2. On May 15, 2024 the Deputy Comptroller issued Order 2645 to establish a regulatory timetable for the written process. A written hearing process was conducted from June 5 to July 31, 2024. On September 24, 2024 the Deputy Comptroller issued Order 2659 that required EWW to refile the Application in accordance with the determinations and directives in the Reasons for Decision by October 8, 2024.
3. On October 8, 2024 EWW submitted its 2023-2026 RRA refiling with adjusted Financial Schedules and revised Water Tariff No. 7. In accordance with the Deputy Comptroller’s determination, EWW refiled its financial schedules with levelized rate increases. For 2024, EWW will bill customers using the 2023 approved rates. For 2025 and 2026, rates will be adjusted to ensure rate revenues will match the forecasted revenue requirement for the test period. This results in an average bill impact of 17% for residential customers in 2025 and 2026.

The bill impact for an average residential customer is as follows:

**Monthly Bill for Residential Customer (Average 20 m³/month)
2023-2026
(\$/customer/month)**

	A 2023	B 2024F	C 2025F	D 2026F
Consumption Charge:				
1 Minimum	43.30	43.30	49.14	55.77
2 Additional (per m ³ over)	15.39	15.39	17.46	19.82
3 Monthly Bill Before Rate Rider	58.69	58.69	66.61	75.59
4 Change (\$)		-	7.92	8.99
5 Change (%)		0.0%	13.5%	13.5%
Rate Rider:				
6 Minimum	(1.13)	-	1.68	3.82
7 Additional (per m ³ over)	(0.40)	-	0.56	1.36
8 Total Monthly Bill	57.16	58.69	68.85	80.77
9 Change (\$)		1.53	10.16	11.93
10 Change (%)		2.7%	17.3%	17.3%

4. The relevant evidence submitted by the Utility and customers in the written public hearing process has been reviewed and considered.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller orders that the refiled 2024 to 2026 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application is approved and Water Tariff No. 7 is accepted for filing effective January 1, 2024.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of October 2024.



Bryan Robinson
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights under the
Water Utility Act/Utilities Commission Act