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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors



BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-004

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HUMAN RESOURCE RULES OF THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION RELATIVE TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Article V of the Bylaws deals with the Committees of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Article V section I(D) deals with the Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, Article V section I(D)(ii) states that the Personnel Committee hears grievances as set forth in the Human Resources Manual approved by the Board, and the Committee shall "recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors;" and

WHEREAS, the Board-approved Human Resources Manual states, in pertinent part, in Rule 7.5(A) "The decision of the Personnel Committee shall be the final agency decision for purposes of judicial review as set out in the Administrative Procedures Act" and Rule 8.2, in pertinent part, "The decision of the Personnel Committee is final" such that an incongruity exists between the Bylaws and the HR Rules; and

WHEREAS, To clarify the ambiguity, the Board feels that the HR Rules should be amended to reflect the requirements of the Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation hereby amends Rule 7.5(A) to read:

The employee may request to appeal to the Personnel Committee by submitting a written request to the Personnel Committee within ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of notice of the decision of the Executive Director. The appeal letter shall be submitted to the Administrative Officer of the CUC Board of Directors. The Personnel Committee shall recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation hereby amends Rule 8.2() to read:

Within ten (10) working days of receipt of a written appeal from the decision of the division head, or longer if employee notified in writing, the Executive Director or his/her designee shall review the matter and respond in writing to the employee's grievance. The Executive Director may request additional information, conduct interviews or take other actions necessary to be fully informed as to the issues. Upon receipt of the Executive Director's decision and the employee is not satisfied by the Executive Director's decision, the employee shall have five (5) working days in which to submit a written request for review by the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee shall only review the decision to determine whether or not the Executive Director's decision was justified and supported by the documentation and evidence presented during the grievance proceedings. The Personnel Committee shall recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors. The HRM shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining the grievance file and such file shall be kept for at least 3 years.

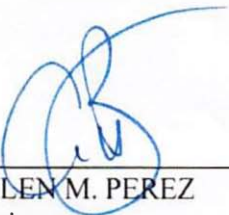
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman, Board Secretary, and CUC Executive Director are empowered to take all steps necessary to ensure that this Resolution is published in the Commonwealth Register.

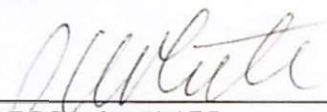
DULY ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2026, by a majority vote of the undersigned members:



ALLEN M. PEREZ
Chairman



RUFO T. MAFNAS
Treasurer

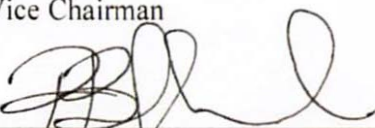


REBECCA C. WHITE
Member

SIMON A. SANCHEZ, II
Member



DONALD R. BROWNE
Vice Chairman



ROSEMOND B. SANTOS-SWORD
Secretary



MIRANDA V. MANGLONA
Member

FRANCISCO M. RABULIMAN
CEDA Chairman



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors



BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-007

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A THREE YEAR RATE RECOVERY PLAN CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT CNMI LAW AND TO FILE THE SAME ALONG WITH THE FIVE YEAR RECOVERY PLAN WITH THE COMMONWEALTH'S PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted a five year cost recovery rate plan and filed the same with the Commonwealth's Public Utilities Commission, and that petition remains pending before the CPUC; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Board's attention that current Commonwealth law, specifically 4 CMC § 8141(C) requires the Board to adopt a rate structure so that within three complete fiscal years collections from a particular utility service are sufficient to recover the costs associated with the operation and delivery of the particular utility service; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that, given the inordinate passage of time since the last base rate increase, reaching full cost recovery within three years opposed to five years may pose a hardship on the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, CUC has been in discussion with both houses of the Legislature to amend 4 CMC § 8141(C) to allow for a five year recovery to ease the burden on the ratepayers. The Legislature has failed to enact such a measure for the benefit of the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Board, until such time as the law may change, must adopt a rate structure that recovers costs within three years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation hereby adopts the attached three year recovery rate structure; and

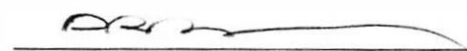
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CUC is instructed to provide both the three year and five year structures to CPUC for its consideration if such action is allowed. If such action is not allowable, CUC is instructed to provide the three year recovery plan to CPU; and .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CUC is instructed to continue assisting the Legislature upon request regarding possible amendments to 4 CMC § 8141(C).

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2026, by a majority vote of the undersigned members:



ALLEN M. PEREZ
Chairman



DONALD R. BROWNE
Vice Chairman

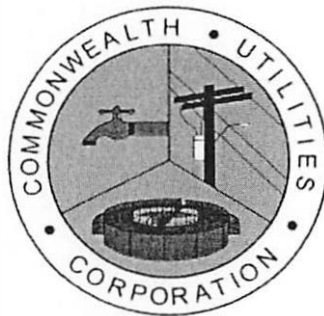
Absent
ROSEMOND B. SANTOS-SWORD
Secretary

Rebecca C. White
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Member

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SIMON A. SANCHEZ, II
Member

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MIRANDA V. MANGLONA
Member

Absent
FRANCISCO M. RABAULIMAN
CEDA Chairman



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

2025 CPUC Rate Application

3 Year Rate Plan

economists.com



August 2026

Updated: August 11 2026

3 Year Rate Plan -- Background



- Enables CUC to achieve full cost recovery in 3 years instead of 5 years
 - Includes phasing out of Government rate over 3 years
- Result of revisions:
 - Same increase in Year 1 as recommended in original rate filing
 - Significantly higher increases in Years 2 and 3
 - By Year 5, rates are nearly equivalent to 5-year plan

CUC Combined Utility 3 Year Rate Plan – Impact on Average Monthly Residential Charges



	Current	3 Year Plan			Forecast	
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Impact on Monthly Residential Charges						
Power -- 500 kWh						
Total	134.50	141.72	163.40	170.33	171.63	172.95
Water -- 5,000 Gallons						
Total	35.10	43.33	69.32	77.64	79.19	80.77
Wastewater -- 5,000 Gallons						
Total	14.69	33.15	53.05	59.41	60.60	61.81
Total -- All Utilities						
Total Charge	184.29	218.20	285.76	307.38	311.42	315.53
Increase -- \$		33.91	67.56	21.62	4.04	4.12
Increase -- %		18.4%	31.0%	7.6%	1.3%	1.3%
Average Annual Inc -- 5 Yr	14.2%					
Total -- Electric and Water						
Average Annual Inc -- 5 Yr	9.9%					

Power Utility – 3 Year Rate Plan Proposed Rate Plan



		3 Year Rate Plan				Forecast	
		Current	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
POWER							
Residential							
Monthly Customer Chg		\$ 7.00	\$ 8.75	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.68	\$ 15.99	\$ 16.31
Base Rates Per kWh							
-	350	0.0210	0.0263	0.0420	0.0470	0.0480	0.0489
351	1,200	0.0970	0.1213	0.1940	0.2173	0.2216	0.2261
1,201	Above	0.1580	0.1975	0.3160	0.3539	0.3610	0.3682
Commercial							
Monthly Customer Chg		10.00	12.50	20.00	22.40	22.85	23.30
Rates Per kWh		0.1130	0.1413	0.2260	0.2531	0.2582	0.2633
Government							
Monthly Customer Chg		10.00	12.50	20.00	22.40	22.85	23.30
Rates Per kWh		0.1240	0.1550	0.2480	0.2778	0.2833	0.2890
Streetlights							
Monthly Customer Chg		11.67	14.59	23.34	26.14	26.66	27.20
Rates Per kWh		0.2500	0.3125	0.5000	0.5600	0.5712	0.5826
Municipal Pumping							
Monthly Customer Chg		9.06	11.33	18.12	20.29	20.70	21.11
Rates Per kWh		0.1070	0.1338	0.2140	0.2397	0.2445	0.2494

Water Utility – 3 Year Rate Plan Proposed Rate Plan



		3 Year Rate Plan				Forecast	
		Current	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
WATER							
Meter Service Charge							
Meter Size							
5/8 X 3/4"	\$	10.86	\$ 20.09	\$ 32.15	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.72	\$ 37.46
1"		12.67	23.44	37.50	42.00	42.84	43.70
1 1/2"		19.91	36.83	58.93	66.01	67.33	68.67
2"		25.34	46.88	75.01	84.01	85.69	87.40
3"		63.35	117.20	187.52	210.02	214.22	218.50
4"		99.55	184.17	294.67	330.03	336.63	343.36
6"		135.75	251.14	401.82	450.04	459.04	468.22
8"		199.10	368.34	589.34	660.06	673.26	686.72
10"		280.55	519.02	830.43	930.08	948.68	967.65
12"		362.00	669.70	1,071.52	1,200.	1,224.10	1,248.59
Residential, Commercial, PSS, and CHC Consumption Charges							
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)							
0 - 3,000		0.72	3.89	6.23	6.97	7.11	7.26
3,001 - 15,000		1.74	5.78	9.25	10.36	10.56	10.77
15,001 - 30,000		2.68	7.52	12.03	13.47	13.74	14.02
30,001 - 60,000		3.59	9.20	14.72	16.49	16.82	17.16
Over 60,000 Gallons		4.49	10.87	17.39	19.47	19.86	20.26
Multi-Family Consumption Charges							
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)		2.95	8.02	12.83	14.37	14.65	14.95
Government, CUC, and CPA Consumption Charges							
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)		54.30	40.00	15.00	6.97	7.11	7.26

Wastewater Utility – 3 Year Rate Plan Proposed Rate Plan



WASTEWATER	Current	3 Year Rate Plan			Forecast	
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Residential and Multi Family Minimum and Consumption Charge						
Minimum Charge	\$ 9.69	\$ 15.50	\$ 24.81	\$ 27.78	\$ 28.34	\$ 28.91
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)						
0 - 6,000	1.00	3.53	5.65	6.33	6.45	6.58
Over 6,000 Gallons	3.13	6.94	11.10	12.43	12.68	12.94
Commercial, PSS, and CHC Minimum and Consumption Charge						
Minimum Charge	9.24	14.78	23.65	26.49	27.02	27.56
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)						
0 - 6,000	3.00	6.73	10.77	12.06	12.30	12.55
Over 6,000 Gallons	3.13	6.94	11.10	12.43	12.68	12.94
Government, CUC, and CPA Minimum and Consumption Charge						
Minimum Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Rate (per 1,000 Gal.)	68.00	50.00	25.00	12.06	12.30	12.55



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Board of Directors**



BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH
REGISTER FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CORPORATION'S
REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation promulgates regulations from time to time to govern the operations of both the Corporation and the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it prudent at this time to adopt for publication in the Commonwealth Register for public comment regulations to be included in § 50-70 governing members' conduct; and

WHEREAS, such regulations will ensure transparency and efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation hereby adopts for publication in the Commonwealth Register for public comment the attached proposed regulations concerning conduct and certain communications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman, Board Secretary, and CUC Executive Director are empowered to take all steps necessary to ensure that the attached proposed regulations are published in the Commonwealth Register for public comment as required by law.

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2026, by a majority vote of the undersigned members:

ALLEN M. PEREZ
Chairman

DONALD R. BROWNE
Vice Chairman

Absent

ROSEMOND B. SANTOS-SWORD
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§ 50-70-020 Board Responsibilities;

(a) The responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation members include:

- (1) Attend Board meetings insofar as possible.
- (2) Be mindful and support the mission, goals and objectives of the Board and to use them as the basis for all decisions concerning CUC.
- (3) Respect the rights and opinions of others, respect the Chairperson's authority, and courteously debate the motions.
- (4) Work with other Board members in a harmonious and cooperative manner despite any differences of opinion that may arise during debate of an issue.
- (5) Recognize that only the Board, by official action as Board, can exercise its legal authority; an individual member has no authority to speak for the Board; and that in relations with the local citizenry, the CUC staff, and the media, Board members must speak and act accordingly.
- (6) Board members shall base decisions on Board actions on the available facts in each situation, and vote in honest conviction in a nonpartisan manner.
- (7) Be forthright so individual opinions may be heard and understood as decisions of the Board are being made.
- (8) Abide by and uphold the final decision of the Board.
- (9) Act on behalf of the Board, or in the name of the Board, only when the Board has explicitly granted prior authority.
- (10) Refrain from using the position as a Board member to benefit oneself or other individuals or agencies in any manner whatsoever.
- (11) Take responsibility for setting the goals and general direction for CUC while leaving the administration of programs and the conduct of the CUC business to the Executive Director and designated staff. Board members shall work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Executive Director.
- (12) Board members shall not disclose confidential information.
 - (i) Information is confidential if it is
 - (A) Communicated during executive session; or
 - (B) Otherwise communicated with a mutual understanding of confidentiality.

§ 50-70-025 Communications from the Public. Members of the Board will refer in writing to the Executive Director any suggestions, grievances or other communications concerning the CUC. The Executive Director will follow established administrative procedures for handling such suggestions, grievances or other communications, including formal presentation to the Board if appropriate, and, in any case, notification, to the reporting Board member concerning disposition of the matter.

TITLE 50 COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

CHAPTER 50-70

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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§ 50-70-001	Authority		Remotely
§ 50-70-005	Definitions		

Chapter History: Adopted 44 Com. Reg. 4876 (July. 28, 2022); Proposed 44 Com. Reg. 48323 (Apr. 28, 2022).

TITLE 50 COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

Part 001 - General Provisions

§ 50-70-001 Authority

The regulations in this chapter are promulgated under the authority of 4 CMC § 8157.

History: Adopted 44 Com. Reg. 4876 (July. 28, 2022); Proposed 44 Com. Reg. 48323 (Apr. 28, 2022).

§ 50-70-005 Definitions

The following terms, wherever used in this chapter, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.
- (b) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.
- (c) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

History: Adopted 44 Com. Reg. 4876 (July. 28, 2022); Proposed 44 Com. Reg. 48323 (Apr. 28, 2022).

§ 50-70-010 Meetings

Members of the Board of Directors who are in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands but unable to attend a meeting in person may appear by means of the internet or online video conferencing, teleconferencing, or other electronic means of communication.

Members who appear by means of the internet or online video conferencing, teleconferencing or other electronic means of communication shall be considered present for the purposes of a quorum.

History: Adopted 44 Com. Reg. 4876 (July. 28, 2022); Proposed 44 Com. Reg. 48323 (Apr. 28, 2022).

§ 50-70-015 Notice of Intent to Attend Remotely

Members who plan to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of the internet or online video conferencing, teleconferencing, or other electronic means of communication shall inform the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

History: Adopted 44 Com. Reg. 4876 (July. 28, 2022); Proposed 44 Com. Reg. 48323 (Apr. 28, 2022).