



September 9, 2016

Refuse Collection and Disposal Board
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Dear Refuse Collection and Disposal Board Members:

The refuse collection and disposal companies – Recology Sunset Scavenger, Recology Golden Gate, and Recology San Francisco (collectively known as the "Companies") – have filed a 120-day notice of intent to submit an application for adjustments to residential refuse rates that would become effective July 1, 2017.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure in Order No. 185078, Public Works will conduct an informational workshop within the next 45 days to promote a more complete understanding of the issues that will be included the rate application and to facilitate public understanding and input. Public Works is engaging a Ratepayer Advocate to assist the City in developing and implementing a public participation plan and to help ratepayers convey their comments and concerns to the City during the rate adjustment process.

The Companies plan to submit a final rate application in early January 2017. According to the Rules of Procedure, they are required to submit a draft application at least 60 days prior to the final application. Staff from the Department of Public Works and the Department of the Environment will review the draft application for completeness and notify the Companies of the adequacy of the draft before a final application can be submitted.

Pursuant to the Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance, I will begin holding public hearings within 30 days of the submittal of the final application and must issue my report and recommended order within 90 days of the application date. I estimate that public hearings will begin in mid-February and my report will be issued in mid-April 2017. I will also conduct a hearing as required by Proposition 218 prior to issuing my report and recommended order. The Rate Board would only convene to hear specific objections to my recommended order. The Rate Board must then act within 60 days or my order will become final.

I have designated Ms. Julia Dawson, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, as the contact person within the Department of Public Works for the rate proceedings. She can be reached at (415) 554-4831. This letter, along with the Companies' 120-day notice, will be posted on the Public Works web site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mohammed Nuru", written over a blue horizontal line.

Mohammed Nuru
Director
San Francisco Public Works

cc: Naomi Kelly, City Administrator
Harlan Kelly, General Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Ben Rosenfield, Controller
Julia Dawson, Public Works
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Attachment: Recology 120-day notice