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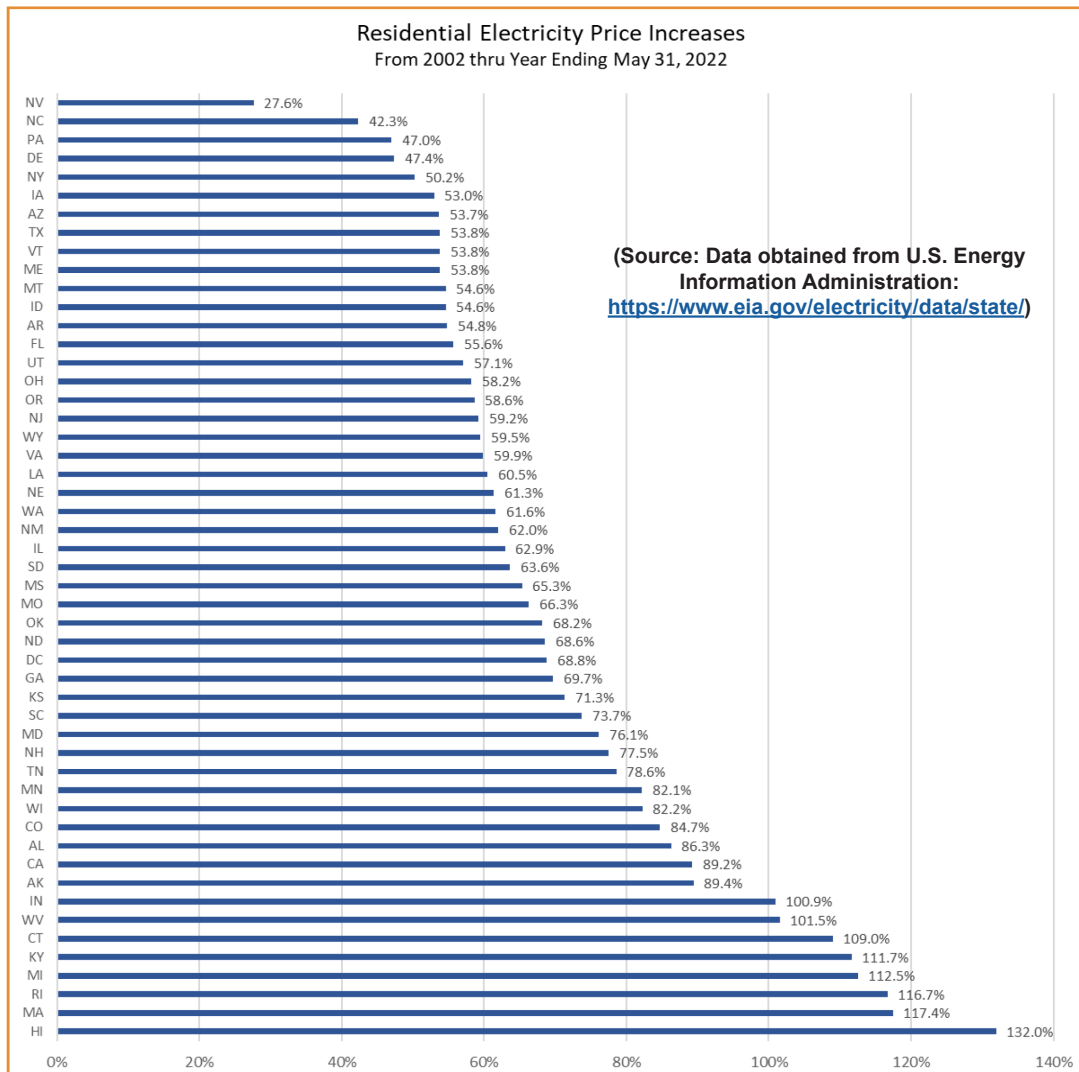
The PUCN'S Primary Electric Utility Regulatory Activities

The PUCN regulates the operations of two electric utilities, Nevada Power Company (NPC) in Southern Nevada, and Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) in Northern Nevada, both of which conduct business as NV Energy. NPC, SPPC and Sierra Pacific Resources originally consolidated in July 1999. In 2008, the subsidiaries began doing business as NV Energy. In 2013, NV Energy was acquired by Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

The PUCN's primary electric utility regulatory activities include:

- **Evaluating utilities' short-term and long-term plans for generation and transmission to fulfill obligations to serve retail customers.** The evaluation encompasses both conservation and supply options, with consideration of Nevada's renewable portfolio standard requirements and zero net carbon emissions by 2050. The evaluation takes place through the integrated resource planning process. The process identifies and evaluates options to meet electric demand at the least cost. System reliability is also emphasized. The resource planning process is the mechanism through which the PUCN advances many of the state's energy policy

objectives. During the July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022, biennium, the PUCN processed one resource plan and a



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number of resource plan amendments that included \$2.5 billion of transmission improvements, new renewable generation facilities and energy efficiency and conservation investments.

- **Establishing the rates charged by an electric utility for service.** The rates charged to customers consist of various components intended to recover a particular cost (e.g., fuel and purchased power, energy efficiency and conservation programs). The two largest costs in rates are purchased power and general costs (general costs include all other costs of operating a utility not specifically collected by another rate and includes the costs of major capital projects like power plants or transmission lines). The PUCN only allows recovery of reasonably incurred costs for prudent projects. Notably, utilities are not entitled to recover costs associated with political or charitable contributions. The PUCN does not allow electric utilities to earn a profit on fuel and purchased power costs (such as renewable energy power purchase agreements) or on operations and maintenance expenses (such as employee salaries). The PUCN's prudent oversight has contributed to Nevada having among the most stable electricity rates in the country over the past two decades. The chart on page 1, titled "Residential Electricity Price Increases," reflects data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration and lists Nevada as the top state for the smallest-percentage increase in rates from 2002 through May 2022.
- **Issuing permits for the construction of utility facilities in certain circumstances as provided by the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (UEPA).** NRS 704.865 provides that a person, other than a local government, constructing a utility facility in Nevada must obtain a UEPA permit from the Commission. The UEPA was enacted in 1971 to address environmental issues related to the construction of utility facilities. UEPA permits granted by the PUCN apply to:
 - ⇒ Conventional power plants.
 - ⇒ Renewable energy power plants rated over 70 megawatts.

Customers Serviced by PUCN-Regulated Electric Utilities

Southern Nevada Electric Customers: 993,879

Residential: 879,455
Commercial & Street Lights: 114,347
Public Authorities: 77

Northern Nevada Electric Customers: 368,670

Residential: 319,226
Commercial & Street Lights: 49,444
Public Authorities: 0

MAY CALENDAR

PUCN meetings are livestreamed between our offices in Carson City & Las Vegas & on the PUCN website.

MAY 12 | 10 A.M.

Regular Agenda

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MAY 30 | 10 A.M.

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- ⇒ Electric transmission facilities rated over 200 kilovolts.
- ⇒ Gas transmission lines and associated facilities.
- ⇒ Water transmission lines and associated facilities.
- ⇒ Sewer transmission and treatment facilities.

The Commission issues a UEPA permit to construct utility facilities once all other relevant permits have been obtained by the developer.

The process balances the potential environmental impact of a proposed utility with the public interest served by such facility.

UEPA PERMITS ISSUED BY THE PUCN

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

Entity	Number
Renewable Energy Plant or Transmission Facilities	23
Electric Facilities	7
Water Facilities	0
Natural Gas Facilities	0
Total	30



Red paint is used by utility line locators to mark the location of buried electric lines. Orange designates buried communications lines. Call 811 or submit an online request at usanorth811.org to have all your buried utilities located for free.

Dockets Opened at the PUCN in April 2023

Visit puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/ to view documents filed in the dockets listed below.

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
23-04001	4/6/2023	Notice by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of its intent to file an application for adjustment in electric rates.
23-04002	4/10/2023	Notice by Cooper Canyon Renewable Energy LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Cooper Canyon Solar Project consisting of an up to 100 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, a 230 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 1,630 acres of federally-managed land in White Pine County, Nevada.
23-04003	4/11/2023	Notice by Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale of revisions to the Guidebook to reflect discontinuance of TDM to IP Transition Provisions in some geographic areas.
23-04004	4/11/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nevada, LLC d/b/a MetTel for approval of a Resale Forbearance Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-04005	4/13/2023	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. NV2023-02, to revise Tariff No. 1A to modify Rule Nos. 6 and 16 to add language addressing company-initiated termination of service due to denial of access to customer premises and to standardize the process for changes in responsibility for accounts.
23-04006	4/13/2023	Notice by BullsEye Telecom, Inc. and Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Clear Choice Communications, Excel Telecommunications, VarTec Telecom, Lingo, and Bullseye of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
23-04007	4/13/2023	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. NV2023-03, to revise Tariff No. 1A to grandfather Trunk Hunting services, additional listing, alternate listing, line of information, cross-reference listing, and foreign listings.
23-04008	4/14/2023	Annual Report of Tenaska Power Services Co. on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2022.
23-04009	4/14/2023	Notice by Constellation Energy Generation, LLC that it did not serve retail electric customers during the 2022 Renewable Portfolio Standard evaluation period.
23-04010	4/14/2023	Annual Report of Brookfield Renewable Energy Marketing US LLC d/b/a Brookfield Renewable on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2022.
23-04011	4/14/2023	Annual Report of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2022.
23-04013	4/17/2023	Annual Report of Macquarie Energy LLC on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2022.
23-04014	4/18/2023	Annual Report of Switch Ltd. on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2022.
23-04015	4/18/2023	Patricia Gluntz vs. Southwest Gas Corporation. Complaint regarding request for prorated refund for high gas bills.
23-04016	4/18/2023	Investigation regarding Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy's progress of developing a clean transition tariff and its appropriateness for development as a new tariff offering pursuant to the Modified Final Order issued in Docket Nos. 22-06014, 22-06015, and 22-06016.
23-04017	4/19/2023	Investigation to review Nevada Universal Service Fund carrier compliance audits completed in 2023 by the fund's independent administrator.
23-04018	4/21/2023	Notice by EDF Renewables Development, Inc., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 0.13-mile 230 kV transmission line to interconnect to the proposed Aoki Battery Energy Storage System Project with the Northwest Substation to be located on federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.
23-04019	4/21/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Vero Fiber Networks, LLC for approval of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-04020	4/21/2023	Filing by Boomerang Wireless, LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless to update information.
23-04021	4/21/2023	Notice by White Pine Solar, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the White Pine Solar 1 Project consisting of an up to 350 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, a 115 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 5,785 acres of federally-managed land in White Pine County, Nevada.
23-04022	4/21/2023	Notice by Southern California Edison Company of an application to the California Public Utilities Commission for a permit to construct the Eldorado-Pisgah-Lugo 220 kV Project.
23-04023	4/25/2023	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. NV2023-05, to revise Tariff No. 1A to modify Non-Recurring Charges Schedule No. 2 to remove the Copy of Bill/Duplicate Bill Charge.
23-04025	4/28/2023	Notice by EDF Renewables Development, Inc., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Lonely Solar Project consisting of an approximately 1,000 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, a 525 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 4,404 acres of federally-managed land in Mineral County, Nevada.

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