

PUCN Connection

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April Is National Safe Digging Month

April marks the start of the spring digging season. With the ground ready for planting, eager homeowners like you are gearing up to start those outdoor digging projects. Before you reach for that shovel to start digging, remember to call 811 to ensure that your buried utility lines are marked.

National Safe Digging Month was designated to remind Americans that our land is made up of a complex underground infrastructure of pipelines, wires and cables. Striking an underground utility line while digging can cause harm to you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

A call must be placed to 811 before every digging project, from simple landscaping projects like planting trees or shrubs, to building a deck or installing a rural mailbox. Every nine minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Don't become part of the statistic – make sure to call 811!

Here's how it works:

- One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for USA North 811 (Nevada's 811 call center) to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. You may also notify USA North 811 of your digging plans online at usanorth811.org.
- Call or submit a "dig ticket" online at least two business days prior to digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be properly marked. Pro Tip: If you plan to dig during the weekend, submit your dig ticket no later than Wednesday.
- When you call 811, a representative from USA North 811 will ask for the location and description of your digging project. Or you will enter this information online if you chose



to submit your dig ticket at usanorth811.org.

- USA North 811 will notify affected utility companies, who will then each send a professional locator to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.
- Once lines have been properly marked, roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.

[Homeowners Guide to Safe Digging in Nevada](#)

Learn the basics of safe digging with the PUCN's [Homeowner's Guide to Safe Digging in Nevada](#). Learn special precautions you should take when digging, as well as typical locations for buried utilities on a residential property.



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White paint marks a planned excavation in a Las Vegas neighborhood. A Southwest Gas locator marked the location of underground gas pipeline with yellow paint.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

SOUTHERN NEVADA

[CARES Housing & Utility Assistance - Clark County](#)

[City of North Las Vegas Relief Programs](#)

[Project REACH](#)

[Nevada Energy Assistance Program](#)

[Energy Share](#)

NORTHERN NEVADA

[CARES Housing Assistance Program - Washoe County](#)

[CARES Housing Assistance Program - Rural Nevada](#)

[Special Assistance Fund for Energy \(SAFE\)](#)

[United Way of Northern Nevada & the Sierra](#)

[Nevada Energy Assistance Program](#)

[Energy Share](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT AT AGENDA MEETINGS

On March 22, 2020, Governor Sisolak signed an emergency declaration suspending the requirement that public bodies in Nevada provide a physical location for the public to attend and participate in meetings. The public may comment at PUCN agenda meetings by phone or email. These procedures are in place until further notice.

PHONE: (775) 687-6014

Call in five minutes before the meeting starts to provide your name to PUCN personnel.

EMAIL: BPA@PUC.NV.GOV

Submit written comments prior to the meeting.

Links to agenda meeting supporting material and the live video stream of agenda meetings are available at puc.nv.gov.

Get to Know Us: *Engineering, Gas Pipeline Safety*

The PUCN's Pipeline Safety Program involves the inspection of liquid propane and natural gas piping systems statewide.

PUCN gas pipeline engineers monitor the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of gas systems under the Commission's jurisdiction and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), parts 191 and 192, 193, and 199.

The PUCN's gas pipeline engineers also inspect local natural gas distribution companies (LDC), natural gas master metered distribution systems found mainly in mobile home parks (MHP), underground piping systems providing liquid petroleum gas (LPG) service to ten or more customers (mainly MHPs), and direct sales lateral customers (such as gold mines) whose pipelines are fed directly from large interstate supply lines.

The PUCN only has jurisdiction over intrastate pipeline facilities. The PUCN does not have jurisdiction over pipeline facilities that are jurisdictional to the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), which includes all hazardous liquid pipelines such as jet fuel, gasoline and other petroleum pipelines. However, the PUCN's gas pipeline engineers can act as agents for PHMSA during the inspection of construction projects for new interstate pipelines.



PUCN Gas Pipeline Engineer Kelly Everson inspects a Southwest Gas regulator station near Boulder City in October 2020.

Dockets Opened at the PUCN in March 2021

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

Docket	Date Filed	Description
21-03001	03/01/2021	Filing by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual report on the Economic Development Electric Rate Rider Program pursuant to NAC 704.8958.
21-03002	03/01/2021	Filing by Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual report on the Economic Development Electric Rate Rider Program pursuant to NAC 704.8958.
21-03003	03/01/2021	Application of Great Basin Water Co., Cold Springs, Pahrump, Spanish Springs, and Spring Creek Divisions, for approval of its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, for approval to designate certain system improvement projects as eligible projects for which a system improvement rate may be established, and for other relief properly related thereto.
21-03004	03/10/2021	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of a regulatory asset account to recover costs relating to the development and implementation of their Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan.
21-03005	03/01/2021	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of fuel and purchased power expenses, to reset the Temporary Renewable Energy Development charge, reset all components of the Renewable Energy Program Rate, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Program Rates, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Implementation Rates, reset the Energy Efficiency Program Amortization Rate, reset the Energy Efficiency Implementation Amortization Rate, and refund the total amount of Base Energy Efficiency Implementation Rate revenue received in 2020, including carrying charges.
21-03006	03/01/2021	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of fuel and purchased power expenses, to reset the Temporary Renewable Energy Development charge, reset all components of the Renewable Energy Program Rate, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Program Rates, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Implementation Rates, reset the Energy Efficiency Program Amortization Rate, and reset the Energy Efficiency Implementation Amortization Rate.
21-03007	03/01/2021	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of natural gas expenses and to cancel Renewable Energy Program Rate Schedule REPR.
21-03008	03/02/2021	Application of DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC d/b/a XpressWest for approval of a change of name to DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Brightline West for a high-speed passenger rail system conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 3073.

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21-03009	03/02/2021	Notice by Machaen Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of IDT America Corp. of a bond renewal.
21-03010	03/05/2021	Application of DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC d/b/a XpressWest for authority to construct new grade-separated crossings under the new Emergency Responder Crossover Bridge and over the existing Sloan Road in Clark County, Nevada.
21-03011	03/05/2021	Application of DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC d/b/a XpressWest for authority to construct new grade-separated crossings over the existing I-15 northbound roadway south of the St. Rose Parkway interchange, under the existing St. Rose Parkway overpass, and at the I-15 northbound on-ramp from St. Rose Parkway in Clark County, Nevada.
21-03012	03/05/2021	Application of DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC d/b/a XpressWest for authority to construct new grade-separated crossings over Starr Avenue, under the Silverado Ranch Boulevard overpass, and via an undercrossing at Blue Diamond Road in Clark County, Nevada.
21-03013	03/04/2021	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and R Construction requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by R Construction.
21-03014	03/01/2021	Notice by Aspen American Insurance Company on behalf of Windstream NuVox, LLC of a bond cancellation for telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2961 Sub 1.
21-03015	03/05/2021	Notice by FracTel, LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for various rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
21-03016	03/08/2021	Application of 326FW 8me LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the Arida Solar Project consisting of a 370 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, an energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
21-03017	03/09/2021	Application of AmeriGas Propane, L.P. d/b/a Bi-State Propane ("AmeriGas") for approval of the margin rates charged by AmeriGas for the preceding fiscal year.
21-03018	03/10/2021	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, and Lingo Telecom of the West, LLC for approval of Amendment No. 1 to their Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
21-03019	03/10/2021	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale and Fusion Cloud Services, LLC for approval of Amendment No. 2 to their Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
21-03021	03/12/2021	Application of Safelink Internet LLC to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Nevada pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 and request for deviation from NAC 704.680461 and 704.680463 to receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support.
21-03022	03/11/2021	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, Windstream New Edge, LLC, and Talk America, LLC for approval an Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
21-03023	03/12/2021	Application of Starlink Services, LLC for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
21-03024	03/16/2021	Application of Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc., filed under Advice Letter No. 8, to revise Water Tariff No. 1 to adjust water rates consistent with the most recent gross domestic product deflator.
21-03025	03/16/2021	Notice by Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. and BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
21-03026	03/17/2021	Application of Pahrump Utility Company, Inc., filed under Advice Letter No. 17, to revise Water Tariff No. 1A and Sewer Tariff No. 1A to adjust rates consistent with the most recent gross domestic product deflator.
21-03027	03/18/2021	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and DCI Construction d/b/a Design Concrete of Nevada ("DCI Construction") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by DCI Construction.
21-03028	03/18/2021	Filing by Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of changes in rates within its Gas Tariff Schedule No. INGR pursuant to NAC 704.522 and NAC 704.526.
21-03029	03/22/2021	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and VersaGrade, Inc. ("VersaGrade") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by VersaGrade.
21-03032	03/23/2021	Notice by WANRack, LLC, WANRack Holdings LLC, and CBRE Caledon WR Holdings LP of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
21-03033	03/23/2021	Genevieve Tetherton vs. Southwest Gas Corporation. Complaint regarding overbilling.
21-03034	03/23/2021	Filing by Spark Energy Gas, LLC to update license information regarding civil, criminal or regulatory sanctions or penalties that have been imposed by any state.
21-03035	03/24/2021	Request of Lingo Telecom of the West, LLC to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
21-03036	03/26/2021	Filing by Southwest Gas Corporation of tax adjustment pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 00-1028.

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