

# PUCN Connection

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## Governor Sisolak Encourages Nevada Families to Sign Up for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

On May 12, the Federal Communications Commission launched the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, designed to help families and households struggling to afford broadband internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We learned during the pandemic just how important broadband connectivity is for work, education, telemedicine, and staying connected to family and friends," said Governor Sisolak. "Today I call upon our partners in the telecommunications industry and those that provide employment and benefits assistance to help Nevada families sign up for this important program."

The EBB program provides up to \$50/month discount for home internet services and a one-time discount of \$100 toward the purchase of a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. Households may qualify for the program if they participate in a number of different federal programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline or experienced income or job loss or furlough.

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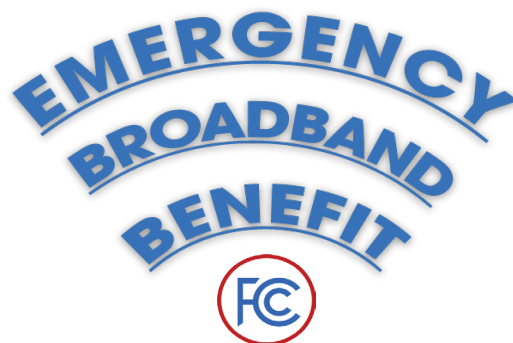
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The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

**See if You Qualify and Apply**

Call: 833-511-0311

Visit: [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org)



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# Public Comment at PUCN Agenda Meetings

As of June 1, PUCN offices are open to the public. All members of the public entering PUCN offices must continue to follow applicable State of Nevada and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding COVID-19.

For Agenda meetings, the phone line will remain active and the public is strongly encouraged to continue to comment by phone or email.

Links to agenda meeting supporting material and the live video stream of agenda meetings are available at [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov).

**PHONE: (775) 687-6014**

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

**EMAIL: [BPA@PUC.NV.GOV](mailto:BPA@PUC.NV.GOV)**

Submit written comments prior to the meeting.

**Annual assessment  
per NRS 704.033  
to be set  
on or before  
June 15th**



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## Get to Know Us: *General Counsel*

The Office of General Counsel is responsible for representing the PUCN's interests in all proceedings in state and federal court. The Office of General Counsel also represents the PUCN's interests before various state and federal regulatory agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Office of General Counsel advises Commissioners and the Utilities Hearing Officer on legal issues, and it reviews and drafts notices, orders, regulations, proposed legislation, and other legal documents.

The Office of General Counsel is also responsible for case management, personnel matters, and reviewing the PUCN's administrative procedures to ensure compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Open Meeting Law, and the Public Records Act. Additionally, the Office of General Counsel monitors legislative activities and coordinates the PUCN's

participation in the legislative process.

- Each Commissioner is assigned an Administrative Attorney. Administrative Attorneys are responsible for providing preliminary advice and counsel to their assigned Commissioner. Administrative Attorneys draft a variety of legal documents (including notices and orders) for Commissioners and make fair and impartial recommendations to Commissioners based on the evidentiary record and applicable laws.
- The Legal Case Manager is responsible for reviewing all filings received by the PUCN for legal completeness and compliance with the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Legal Case Manager is also responsible for preparing legally sufficient notices and orders as well as conducting legal research and drafting a variety of legal documents for the PUCN.

# Dockets Opened at the PUCN in May 2021

Visit [puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/](http://puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/) to view documents filed in the dockets listed below.

Docket	Date Filed	Description
21-05001	05/04/2021	Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for approval of its Conservation and Energy Efficiency Plan for the period 2022-2024.
21-05002	05/05/2021	Investigation regarding long-term planning for natural gas utility service in Nevada.
21-05003	05/07/2021	Notice of Brightlink of its intent to request numbering resources for the Reno rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
21-05004	05/12/2021	Notice by Matrix Telecom, LLC d/b/a Clear Choice Communications, Excel Telecommunications, VarTec Telecom, and Lingo, Lingo Communications, LLC, and B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
21/05005	05/11/2021	Application of Glenbrook Water Cooperative, Inc. for authority to modify Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 855 Sub 3 to expand its water service territory to include one residential lot contiguous to its existing service territory located in the unincorporated area of Glenbrook, Douglas County, Nevada.
21/05006	05/10/2021	Application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nevada d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nevada, filed under Advice Letter No. NV-21-05, to revise Access Services Tariff No. A-3 for the Elko and Tonopah Divisions to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
21-05007	05/10/2021	Application of Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., filed under Advice Letter No. NV-21-01, to revise Access Service Tariff No. 3-B to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
21/05008	05/11/2021	Application of Great Basin Water Co. for authority to modify Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2692 Sub 8 to expand its water service territory for its Cold Springs Division to include 98 acres of residential development on Lifestyle Homes TND, LLC property contiguous to its existing service territory located in Cold Springs, Washoe County, Nevada.
21/05009	05/12/2021	Investigation of Nevada Universal Service Fund carrier compliance audits by Solix, Inc., as Administrator of the Nevada Universal Service Fund.
21/05010	05/13/2021	Application of Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 16, to revise Access Service Tariff No. 3C to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
21/05011	05/13/2021	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 15, to revise Access Service Tariff No. 2A to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
21/05012	05/13/2021	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 515, to revise Tariff No. 1-B to modify Net Metering Rider-405 Schedule No. NMR-405 to clarify premises language pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 20-07008.
21/05013	05/13/2021	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed under Advice Letter No. 641-E to revise Electric Tariff No. 1 to modify Net Metering Rider-405 Schedule No. NMR-405 to clarify premises language pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 20-07008.
21/05014	05/14/2021	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 21-02 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2021.
21/05015	05/14/2021	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 21-02(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2021.
21/05016	05/14/2021	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 21-02(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2021.
21-05017	05/14/2021	Notice by Beehive Telephone Co., Inc., Nevada of its intent to file an application for adjustment in rates.
21-05018	05/18/2021	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale and DISH Wireless L.L.C. for approval of a Two-Way CMRS Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
21-05019	05/18/2021	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale and Inyo Networks, Inc. for approval of an Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
21-05020	05/19/2021	Application of EarthGrid PBC for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
21-05021	05/20/2021	Notice by Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Humboldt Telephone Company that current switched access service rates comply with Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 11-161.
21-05022	05/21/2021	Notice by Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. of Service Catalog updates to introduce Frontier Unlimited Voice and Feature Bundle.
21-05023	05/21/2021	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.
21-05024	05/21/2021	Application of Great Basin Water Co., Pahump Division, filed under Advice Letter No. 7, to revise Water Tariff No. 1-W to implement the deferred water service adjustment rate mechanism relating to the Order issued in Docket No. 16-12037.
21-05025	05/25/2021	Application of Moapa Valley Telephone Company, filed under Advice Letter No. 11, to revise Access Service Tariff No. 3 to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
21-05026	05/25/2021	Filing by Beehive Telephone Co., Inc., Nevada of annual data regarding Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation Replacement funding eligibility pursuant to the requirements of 47 CFR 54.304.

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