

# PUCN Connection

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## Overhead Power Line Safety

### Call your electric utility before working near overhead power lines

Nevada law requires permission from the electric utility before working near overhead power lines.

Known as the “Call Before You Crane” law, the Nevada Legislature enacted this law designed to provide safer working conditions in areas around high voltage overhead power lines. Accidents involving contact with high voltage lines can result in serious injury, even death.

Before doing any work that puts you at risk of coming into contact with overhead lines, call NV Energy at (702) 402-2929. Anyone planning to work within 10 feet of a line carrying between 600 volts and 50 kilovolts of electricity, including private parties or businesses planning to work with hand tools or operate equipment, must contact the utility. (In areas outside of NV Energy’s service territory, people planning projects near overhead lines need to contact their local electric utility.)

NV Energy will promptly consent to the work if it can be performed with reasonable safety. If necessary, additional conditions may be required before consent is given. These could include:

- Reasonable limits on the time, place and manner of the work;
- Placing barriers to prevent contact with the lines;
- Temporarily disconnecting the power to the lines.

Work to be done by NV Energy as the result of these conditions must be started within five working

days of:

- Receiving notice of work planned near an overhead line, or
- Executing an agreement on payment for preventative work needed to meet these conditions.

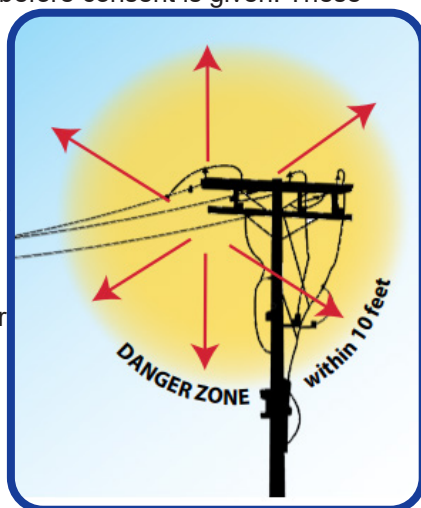
The law states that the person responsible for the work near overhead lines “shall pay any actual expenses” of the utility in providing the preventative measures. The only exception is when work is being done on a structure that was already in place when the overhead line was installed.

If the utility is not contacted prior to work near overhead lines, pursuant to NRS 455.250, failure to follow the law could result in a \$1,000 per day civil penalty.

“Calling your electric utility before initiating any projects near overhead power lines is required by state law and, like excavation regulations and the ‘Call Before You Dig’ program, is essential to preventing serious injuries and protecting Nevada’s infrastructure,” said Paul Maguire, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada Engineering Division manager.

For information about overhead line safety and state regulations, visit NV Energy’s website at: [www.nvenergy.com/safety/overhead-lines](http://www.nvenergy.com/safety/overhead-lines). A few simple precautions can help you stay safe whenever you’re working near overhead or underground power lines.

**NV Energy will provide free safety presentations to groups of employees. To schedule a presentation, call NV Energy’s Safety Department in Southern Nevada at (702) 402-2671 or in Northern Nevada at (775) 834-7705.**



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# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Resources

## Weatherization Program, HELP of Southern Nevada

Weatherization services are provided at no cost to low income qualified applicants to help lower utility bills, including the installation of solar screens, weather stripping, blowing insulation, repairing broken windows and testing of household appliances-replacement if approved. Heating and air conditioning repairs and replacements, refrigerator efficiency checks and other energy saving devices may be repaired or replaced.

**Website:** <https://www.helpsonv.org/weatherization>

**Phone:** 702-795-0575

## Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada

RTSN provides critical home repairs to low-income seniors, veterans and individuals with disabilities.

**Website:** <https://rtsnv.org/>

**Phone:** (702) 259-4900

## Weatherization Assistance Program, Community Services Agency

The Weatherization Assistance Program aims to reduce your monthly utility bills by improving the energy efficiency of your home. Qualifying households in Washoe County receive these services free of charge.

**Website:** <https://www.csareno.org/Energy-Efficiency-Weatherization>

**Website:** <https://www.csareno.org/Energy-Efficiency-Weatherization>

**Phone:** (775) 786-6023

## Weatherization & Home Repair, Nevada Rural Housing

Assistance is provided for qualifying households living in single-family homes, multi-family units and manufactured housing. An audit is performed and then services are provided based on the findings of the audit.

**Website:** <https://nvrural.org/programs/weatherization/>

**Phone:** (775) 887-1795

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

*Watch proceedings live on the PUCN website.*

### FEB. 7 | WORKSHOP | 10 AM

Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 281 (2023).

Docket 23-07024

### FEB. 8 | WORKSHOP | 10 AM

Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 321 (2023).

Docket 23-07025

### FEB. 13 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

### FEB. 26 - 29, MARCH 1 | HEARING | 10 AM

Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for authority to increase its retail natural gas utility service rates for Southern and Northern Nevada. Docket 23-09012

Visit [puc.nv.gov](https://puc.nv.gov) to view the complete PUCN calendar.

## Low-Income Weatherization Program, Rural Nevada Development Corporation

Assist low-income persons in reducing utility bills by providing various energy conservation measures free of charge.

**Website:** <https://rmdcnv.org/weatherization-services-rural-nevada-development-corporation/>

**Phone:** (775) 289-8519

Got a question or complaint  
about your utility bill or service?

Call us at  
**775-684-6100 or 702-486-2600**  
or visit us online at  
**[puc.nv.gov/FAQ/Resolving\\_Disputes](https://puc.nv.gov/FAQ/Resolving_Disputes)**

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## Dockets Opened at the PUCN in January 2024

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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
24-01001	1/2/2024	Reports from public utilities operating in Nevada of accidents or significant service outages occurring during calendar year 2024 pursuant to NRS 704.190 and NAC 704.230.
24-01002	1/2/2024	Annual Reports for calendar year 2023 submitted by Electric, Natural Gas, LPG, Geothermal, Alternative Sellers, and Railroad companies operating in Nevada pursuant to NRS 703.191 and NAC 704.225.
24-01003	1/2/2024	Annual Reports for calendar year 2023 submitted by Water and Wastewater companies operating in Nevada pursuant to NRS 703.191, NAC 703.199, and NAC 704.225.
24-01004	1/4/2024	Annual Reports for calendar year 2023 submitted by Mobile Home Parks operating in Nevada pursuant to NRS 704.960 and NAC 704.987.
24-01005	1/2/2024	Annual Reports for calendar year 2023 submitted by Telecommunication companies operating in Nevada pursuant to NRS 703.191 and NAC 704.7483.
24-01006	1/2/2024	One Call Enforcement Actions and Inspection Reports by the Regulatory Operations Staff pursuant to NRS 455 for calendar year 2024.
24-01007	1/2/2024	Pipeline Safety Enforcement Actions and Inspection Reports by the Regulatory Operations Staff pursuant to 49 CFR 191 and 192 for calendar year 2024.
24-01008	1/2/2024	Rail Safety FRA Form 96 Inspection Reports for calendar year 2024.
24-01009	1/2/2024	Reports from electric and gas utilities operating in Nevada of transactions and calculations affecting the deferred energy accounts pursuant to NAC 704.195 for calendar year 2024.
24-01010	1/2/2024	Applications for calendar year 2024 received by a utility under the Solar Energy Systems Incentive Program.
24-01011	1/2/2024	Filings by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of its monthly financial statements and quarterly calculations of its earned rate(s) of return and returns on equity for the Nevada jurisdiction pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 13-07021.
24-01012	1/2/2024	Notifications and Reports from electric utilities operating in Nevada regarding power outages initiated to preserve public safety or proactive de-energization events for calendar year 2024.
24-01013	1/2/2024	Notifications and Reports from electric utilities operating in Nevada regarding certain ignition events and wildfires occurring in the vicinity of the infrastructure of an electric utility for calendar year 2024.
24-01014	1/2/2024	Notifications by natural gas utilities operating in Nevada of new or revised discounted rate contracts, contracts for alternative fuel capable customers, and contracts for special service pursuant to Section 2 of LCB File No. R075-20 and the Order issued in Docket No. 19-02024 for calendar year 2024.
24-01015	1/2/2024	Filings by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of its quarterly data metrics for its Economic Recovery Transportation Electrification Plan pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 21-09004.
24-01016	1/2/2024	Filings by Eligible Telecommunications Carriers of Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Form 555 to comply with the FCC's annual reporting requirements.
24-01017	1/2/2024	Filings by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of its current Strategic Operating Plans pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 22-06014.
24-01018	1/4/2024	Notice by KCE NV 2, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct a 230 kV transmission line, a minor substation/switchgear, and associated facilities to interconnect the Skydive Battery Energy Storage Project with the existing regional transmission system via the GridLiance West Trout Canyon-Sloan Canyon Transmission Line to be located on approximately 25 acres of federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.
24-01019	1/4/2024	Notice by KCE NV 1, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 0.20-mile 230 kV transmission line, a minor substation/switchgear, and associated facilities to interconnect the Silvercoin Battery Energy Storage Project with the existing regional transmission system via the SCE Primm Substation to be located on approximately 25 acres of federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
24-01020	1/3/2024	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the Greenlink West Transmission Project consisting of a 525/345/230/120 kV Walker River Substation and a 0.3-mile 525 kV generation-tie line to be located on private land in Lyon County, Nevada.
24-01021	1/3/2024	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and JLW Holdings Series I LLC d/b/a Justin Wilson Construction ("JWC") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by JWC.
24-01022	1/4/2024	Application of Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc. for approval to withdraw \$3,462.37 in funds from its surcharge funds account to pay for an emergency water shut off on Sagebrook Drive authorized by the Commission in Docket No. 22-01024.
24-01023	1/5/2024	Application of Network Innovations, Inc. for approval of a change of name to Network Innovations, LLC for telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2905.
24-01024	1/8/2024	Registration of Rocket Mobile LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
24-01025	1/9/2024	Notice by PAETEC iTEL, L.L.C. of its intent to request numbering resources for the Las Vegas rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
24-01026	1/16/2024	Notice by EON Telecom of its intent to request numbering resources for various rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
24-10127	1/16/2024	Registration of TruConnect Communications, Inc. as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
24-01028	1/17/2024	Notice by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America on behalf of Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions of a bond cancellation for telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2771 Sub 1.
24-01029	1/17/2024	Application of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, filed under Advice Letter No. 2076, to revise Tariff No. C to modify Special Access Service Schedule No. C7-A to remove Intrastate DS3 High Capacity Service 1-year Payment Plans.
24-01030	1/18/2024	Notice by Five9, Inc. of its intent to request numbering resources for the Pahrump and Beatty rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
24-01031	1/22/2024	Notice by Boulevard Associates, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct a 1,500 MW battery energy storage system, an up to 24.9-mile 230 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to interconnect the proposed Equinox Solar Project to existing facilities in Nevada to be located on approximately 1,081 acres of federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.
24-01032	1/24/2024	Request of MCI Communications Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Business Services to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
24-01033	1/29/2024	Application of the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division for approval of a State Fiscal Year ("SFY") 2025 telecommunication device for the deaf surcharge that is calculated based on its legislatively approved budget for SFY 2025.
24-01034	1/29/2024	Notice by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to relocate approximately 1.9-miles of the Harry Allen to Reid Gardner #2 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to separate two existing 230 kV transmission circuits to increase reliability of the electrical system located on federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.
24-01035	1/31/2024	Filing by Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. of updated Informational Tariff No. 1 that includes revisions to Lifeline Wireless Service Plan.

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