

# PUCN Connection

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## Consumer Sessions Scheduled for Public Input

During June, the PUCN will host three consumer sessions to allow the public to comment on NV Energy applications to recover costs from ratepayers and the effects the applications may have on their utility service.

For those wishing to participate in person, the consumer sessions will be held simultaneously at the PUCN's Carson City and Las Vegas offices, with videoconferencing between the two. PUCN offices are located at:

- 1150 E. William Street, Carson City, NV 89701
- 9075 W. Diablo Drive, #250, Las Vegas, NV 89148

For those wishing to participate telephonically, the phone number and access code are:

- 1-877-820-7831 | Access Code: 507006

Written comments may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, participating in person or telephonically. Written comments can be submitted electronically through the Electronic Filing System on the PUCN website or via U.S. mail to the PUCN's Carson City or Las Vegas offices.

### DOCKET 22-03006 CONSUMER SESSION

Docket 22-03006 is NV Energy's application to recover costs for developing and implementing a Natural Disaster Protection Plan (NDPP) to help prevent such disasters as forest fires.

The Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 329 in 2019 requiring NV Energy to create an NDPP and allowing for cost recovery from ratepayers.

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 8, 6 p.m.

### DOCKET 22-03004 CONSUMER SESSION:

Docket 22-03006 is NV Energy's application to recover costs for its 2021 Expanded Solar Access Program Plan, to set an Expanded Solar Program Cost rate, calculate the Expanded Solar Discount Rate on a quarterly basis, and include the Mojave community based solar resource in the Expanded Solar Energy Rate.

The Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 465 in 2019 requiring NV Energy to offer an expanded solar access program to residential customers and to certain nonresidential customers who consumer less than 10,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m.

### DOCKETS 22-03001, 22-03002 & 22-03003 CONSUMER SESSION:

Dockets 22-03001 and 22-03002 are NV Energy's application to recover costs for fuel and purchased power for the 12-month period ending on Dec. 31, 2021, and to reset rates for renewable energy and efficiency programs.

Docket 22-03003 is NV Energy's application for approval of natural gas expenses for its Northern Nevada customers for the 12-month period ending on Dec. 31, 2021.

**Date & Time:** Monday, June 13, 6 p.m.

**For more information on these consumer sessions, visit the PUCN's website and click on the link to "Consumer Sessions" on the home page, or contact the PUCN at (775) 684-6101 or (702) 486-7210.**



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# About Consumer Sessions . . .

There are two types of consumer sessions: general consumer sessions and case-specific consumer sessions.

Nevada Revised Statute 704.069 outlines the circumstances that require the PUCN to conduct consumer sessions.

- **Case-Specific Consumer Sessions:** The PUCN must conduct consumer sessions when a public utility files:
  - > A general rate application.
  - > An application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale.
  - > An annual deferred energy accounting adjustment application.
  - > An annual rate adjustment application.

The consumer session is held if the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant's annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less. The PUCN may hold additional case-specific consumer sessions, although not required to do so by statute. Case-specific consumer sessions offer a forum for the public to voice opinions about the filing directly to PUCN commissioners and staff.

*The consumer sessions scheduled in June (see page 1) are case specific.*

- **General Consumer Sessions:** Each calendar year, the PUCN must conduct at least one general consumer session in the county with the largest population (Clark) and in the county with the second largest population

(Washoe). The PUCN also conducts a general consumer session in Elko County, although not statutorily required to do so.

**Members of the public can have an impact by participating in consumer sessions. All consumer sessions are free and open to the public. PUCN staff facilitate consumer sessions by greeting attendees, signing up those who wish to speak and answering questions about the process. Representatives from the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection and the utilities are also available to respond to consumer concerns.**

General consumer sessions allow the public to provide input about any topic concerning utilities regulated by the PUCN, including NV Energy and Southwest Gas, as well as some telecommunication, railroad and water companies. The record from the consumer sessions is provided to the Legislature.

## **What to Expect at a Consumer Session**

Case-specific and general consumer sessions are free and open to the public. PUCN staff facilitate the consumer session by greeting attendees, signing up those who wish to speak and answering questions about the process. In addition to members of the PUCN, representatives from the Nevada Bureau of Consumer Protection and the utilities are available to respond to consumer concerns.

Speakers may be limited to five minutes at the discretion of the PUCN chairman or presiding officer of the case depending on the number of speakers. A court reporter provides transcription services for the official record or the meeting is tape recorded and later transcribed.

## **Consumer Session Announcements**

Information about when and where consumer sessions are held is publicly noticed in local newspapers, available on the PUCN's website, in inserts in your monthly gas, water, wastewater and electricity bills, or by contacting PUCN offices in Las Vegas or Carson City.

# Dockets Opened at the PUCN in May 2022

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
22-05001	5/2/2022	Filings by Eligible Telecommunications Carriers related to Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Form 481 to comply with the FCC's annual reporting requirements pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314.
22-05002	5/2/2022	Complaint and request for action for enforcement of a civil penalty of the Regulatory Operations Staff against Urban Jungle Contractors Ltd. for violation of the provisions of Chapter 455 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
22-05003	5/2/2022	Notice by Vonage Holdings Corp. of its intent to request numbering resources for the Carson City rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
22-05004	5/3/2022	Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for approval of its 2021 Conservation and Energy Efficiency Plan Annual Report.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
22-05005	5/4/2022	Notice by Renew Development HoldCo LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Mosey Solar Project consisting of an approximately 500 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 230 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada.
22-05006	5/5/2022	Notice by Delamar Energy Storage, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct a 230 kV generation-tie line to connect the location of a proposed battery energy storage system facility to the Eldorado Substation to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
22-05007	5/5/2022	Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff requesting the Commission assess an administrative fine resulting from violations of a Commission Order and Nevada's One Call Law by Urban Jungle Contractors LTD.
22-05008	5/9/2022	Notice by Sheila Greathouse, Controller for former owner of Fairview Mobile Manor, of the transfer of the tenant service charge account balance in the amount of \$56,225.88 to the new owner, Reno MHC, LP.
22-05009	5/9/2022	Teresita Velasquez vs. Southwest Gas Corporation. Complaint regarding a billing dispute.
22-05010	5/13/2022	Application of Hot Spot Broadband, Inc. d/b/a Sky Fiber Internet for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
22-05011	5/10/2022	Investigation to review Nevada Universal Service Fund carrier compliance audits completed in 2022 by the fund's independent administrator.
22-05012	5/19/2022	Application of Rural Telephone Company for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
22-05013	5/12/2022	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Silver Lake Construction Company ("Silver Lake") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Silver Lake.
22-05014	5/16/2022	Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 2, to revise Access Services Tariff No. 1 to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
22-05015	5/16/2022	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 17, 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.
22-05016	5/13/2022	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-02 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2022.
22-05017	5/13/2022	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-02(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2022.
22-05018	5/16/2022	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-02(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2022.
22-05019	5/16/2022	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy ("Nevada Power") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Nevada Power.
22-05020	5/20/2022	Application of Switch Ltd., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct a 230 kV switching station, two 230 kV substations, two 230 kV transmission lines, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
22-05021	5/24/2022	Notice by Rio Virgin Telephone Company d/b/a Reliance Connects that current switched access service rates comply with Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 11-161.
22-05022	5/24/2022	Notice by Renew Development HoldCo LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Amber Solar Project consisting of an approximately 500-700 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, an up to 500 MW battery energy storage system, a 230 kV generation tie-line, and associated facilities to be located in Nye County, Nevada.
22-05023	5/25/2022	Notice by Beehive Telephone Co., Inc., Nevada that current switched access service rates comply with Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 11-161.

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