

## Fix A Leak Week (March 16-22)

### Finding and fixing household leaks saves water and money

The annual Fix a Leak Week campaign sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Program is scheduled for March 16-22. The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) supports the event and urges Nevadans to help put a stop to household water leaks that the EPA estimates account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted nationwide each year – an amount equal to the annual household water use in nearly 11 million homes.

The PUCN encourages consumers to take a few simple steps that can add up to a significant positive impact. Fixing easily-correctable household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills, according to the EPA. Household leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year. Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more a day.

Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware.

A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year, which equals the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher. Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers.

EPA's Fix a Leak Week tips include:

- Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, and other fixtures. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots, too. Look at your water usage during a colder month. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month – there are serious leaks.
- Toilet leaks. Old or worn-out toilet flappers (e.g., valve seal) can cause leaks. This simple rubber device holds water in the tank, then releases water into the bowl when the toilet is flushed. Because the rubber can wear out, the flapper should be checked periodically and replaced at least every five years to ensure a good seal and avoid leaks. An old or worn flapper can cause your toilet to flush on its own or silently leak thousands of gallons a year. Replacing a flapper is a quick and easy fix that will save water and money.
- Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for WaterSense-labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers or local plumbing professionals. Irrigation professionals certified through a WaterSense-labeled program can also check systems for leaks. For more information, visit [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense), [epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week) or [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov) to find WaterSense labeled products or an auditor in your area.

### THE FACTS ON LEAKS

<p><b>10</b> percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day</p>	<p>A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than <b>3,000 gallons</b> per year</p>
<p><b>Did you know?</b> Minor water leaks account for nearly</p> <p><b>1</b> <b>trillion gallons</b> of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly</p>	<p>A shower leaking at <b>10 Drips</b> per minute wastes more than <b>500</b> gallons per year</p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>million homes</b></p>	<p><b>Repair</b> leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary</p>
<p>Replace old toilets with WaterSense models &amp; save</p> <p><b>13,000</b> gallons of water savings for the average family</p>	<p>Homeowners can save</p> <p>10 percent on their water bills</p>

[epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense)

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves



## March 2026 PUCN Calendar

Visit [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov) to view the PUCN calendar and access details about the items listed below, including links to watch live streams of the proceedings.

**All events may be continued, rescheduled, or cancelled at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. Please call (775) 684-6101 if you have questions about an event on this calendar.**

### MARCH 2

- **10:00AM - Continued Prehearing Conference - 25-11010** - Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink for relief from designation as a provider of last resort in Clark County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 704.68886.

### MARCH 3

- **10:00AM - Workshop - Docket 18-11006** - Investigation and Rulemaking to consider alternatives to improve the water resource planning process and clarify the processes for seeking System Improvement Rate eligibility for certain projects.

### MARCH 4

- **10:00AM - Workshop - Docket 19-06008** - Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink for relief from designation as a provider of last resort in Clark County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 704.68886.

### MARCH 5

- **10:00AM - Hearing - Docket 18-11006** - Investigation and Rulemaking to consider alternatives to improve the water resource planning process and clarify the processes for seeking System Improvement Rate eligibility for certain projects.
- **6:00PM - Consumer Session - No Live Stream - Docket 25-11012** - Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for authority to adjust the Variable Interest Expense Recovery Mechanism rates, Unrecovered Gas Cost Expense rates, System Shrinkage rates, Imbalance Commodity and Reservation charges, General Revenues Adjustment rates, Conservation and Energy Efficiency rates, and the Contract Transition Adjustment Provision rate.

### MARCH 6

- **10:00AM - Hearing - Docket 19-06008** - Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 300 (2019).

### MARCH 9

- **10:00AM - Continued Prehearing Conference - Docket 25-11012** - Application of Southwest Gas for authority to adjust the Variable Interest Expense Recovery Mechanism rates, Unrecovered Gas Cost Expense rates, System Shrinkage rates, Imbalance Commodity and Reservation charges, General Revenues Adjustment rates, Conservation and Energy Efficiency rates, and the Contract Transition Adjustment Provision rate.



**PUCN**

**CONSUMER SESSION**  
to hear public comment regarding Southwest Gas' annual rate adjustment application.

The meeting will be conducted in person at the PUCN's Carson City and Las Vegas offices, and telephonically

**THURSDAY**  
March 5, 2026

**STARTS AT**  
6 PM

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
Call us at 775-684-6100 or 702-486-2600, or visit [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov) to look up docket 25-11012 and review Southwest Gas' application

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### MARCH 10

- **10:00AM - REGULAR AGENDA**

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- **10:30AM - Hearing - 25-10025** - Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of an amendment to their 2025-2027 Energy Supply Plan to participate in the Extended Day-Ahead Market.

### MARCH 17

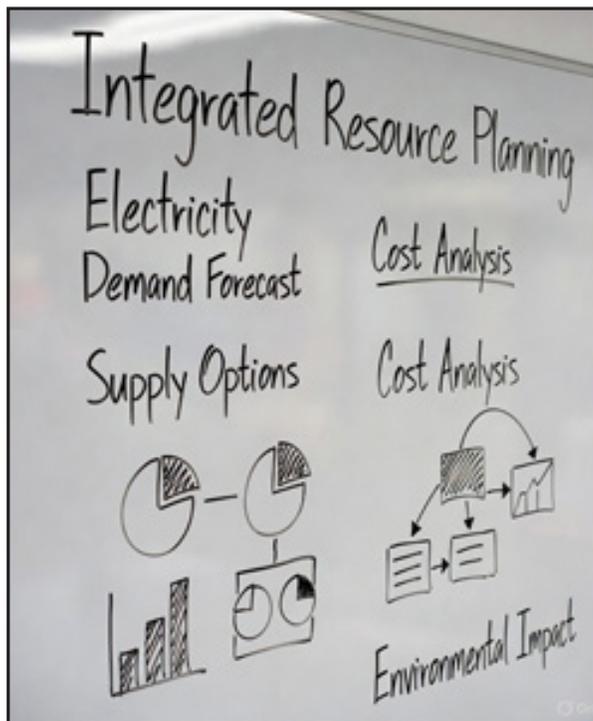
- **10:00AM - Hearing - Docket 25-09008** - Petition of Reno Power NR 1, LLC for an Advisory Opinion or Declaratory Order confirming the applicability of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy's Rule 9.A.16 to proportionate share allocations for subsequent interconnections to a master planned community line extension.

### MARCH 24

- **10:00AM - Hearing - Docket 25-11010** - Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink for relief from designation as a provider of last resort in Clark County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 704.68886.

### MARCH 31

- **10:00AM - REGULAR AGENDA**



## NV Energy To Host 2026 IRP Stakeholder Briefing

to provide an overview of the 2026 Integrated Resource Plan - presentation of approaches to the Demand Side Management, Distributed Resource, and Transportation Electrification Plans. NV Energy intends to file the Plan to address resource needs for the 2027-2029 Action Plan period and beyond.

*The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, March 9, at 1 pm*

more info at [nvenergy.com/alwayson/public-meeting-notices](https://nvenergy.com/alwayson/public-meeting-notices)

## Dockets Opened at the PUCN in February 2026

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

Docket No.	Description
26-02001	Dan Wilson vs. Southwest Gas Corporation. Complaint is regarding potential ADA violations associated with gas disconnection.
26-02002	Filing by the Regulatory Operations Staff of calendar year 2025 accounting report for each utility authorized to collect a rate surcharge pursuant to NAC 704.600(6).
26-02003	Filing by Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc. requesting assistance of the Regulatory Operations Staff in preparing an application for a general rate change.
26-02004	Petition of Lighthouse Fortress, LLC for an Advisory Opinion or Declaratory Order as to whether the storage capacity of a battery energy storage system would be combined with the output of an associated solar facility of less than 70 MW to result in the project being considered a utility facility under the Utility Environmental Protection Act.
26-02005	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.
26-02006	Notice by Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. of Service Catalog updates to increase Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) BRI Single Line Access monthly rate.
26-02007	Notice by Machaen Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of IDT America Corp. of a bond renewal.
26-02008	Notice by CSC Voice, LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for the Laughlin and Pahrump rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
26-02009	Application of Citadel Energy Marketing LLC for a license to operate as a provider of new electric resources.
26-02010	Notice by the Regulatory Operations Staff of the 2026 range of reasonable returns on equity for water and sewer utilities.
26-02011	Notice by Nevada Commercial Group, property manager for former owner of JC Cottonwood, of the transfer of the tenant service charge account balance in the amount of \$104,635.26 to the new owner, ITF Cottonwood Mobile Home Park.
26-02012	Application of 326FW 8me LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the Arc Switchyard consisting of a 500 kV switchyard, two 500 kV generation-tie lines, fiber optic lines, and associated facilities to be located on private land in Clark County, Nevada.

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Docket No.	Description
26-02013	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 26-01 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective April 1, 2026.
26-02014	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 26-01(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective April 1, 2026.
26-02015	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 26-01(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective April 1, 2026.
26-02016	Application of Mount Charleston Water Company, filed under Advice Letter No. 26-1, to revise Water Tariff and Sewer Tariff to adjust rates consistent with the most recent gross domestic product deflator.
26-02017	Application of Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc., filed under Advice Letter No. 13, to revise Water Tariff No. 1 to adjust water rates consistent with the most recent gross domestic product deflator.
26-02018	Application of 328CH 8me LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the Arc Switchyard consisting of a 500 kV switchyard, two 500 kV transmission lines, fiber optic lines, and associated facilities to interconnect to the existing Arida-Mohave Transmission Line to be located on private land in Clark County, Nevada.
26-02019	Notice by HD Carrier LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for various rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
26-02020	Registration of Carrier Pigeon, LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
26-02021	Notice by Reno Power NR 1, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 88.6-mile 525 kV transmission line loop and associated facilities to be located on federally-managed land in Storey and Lyon Counties, Nevada.
26-02022	Application of Wendover Gas Company ("Wendover Gas") for approval of the margin rates charged by Wendover Gas for the preceding fiscal year.
26-02023	Southwest Gas Corporation filed Notice, under Advice Letter No. 548, to adjust Northern and Southern Nevada Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective April 1, 2026.
26-02024	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and South Drilling Inc ("SD") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by SD.
26-02025	Filing by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of Annual Greenlink Benefits Report and Analysis pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 20-07023.
26-02026	Informational Report of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy on the progress of their Expanded Solar Access Program Plan for the period 2024-2026.
26-02027	Application of Velocity IG Operations, LLC for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
26-02028	Notice by Crown Castle Fiber LLC, Crown Castle Operating Company, Fiber FinCo, LLC, and Fiber AssetCo LLC of an intracompany pro forma assignment of certain fiber assets and of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
26-02029	Notice by Crown Castle Fiber LLC, Crown Castle Operating Company, and Small Cells HoldCo Inc. of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
26-02030	Notice by SiriusPoint America Insurance Company on behalf of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC of a bond rider.
26-02031	Report of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy on the progress of its Action Plan relative to its 2025-2044 Integrated Resource Plan.
26-02032	Filing by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual report on Economic Development Electric Rate Rider Program pursuant to NAC 704.8958.
26-02033	Filing by Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual report on Economic Development Electric Rate Rider Program pursuant to NAC 704.8958.
26-02034	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of their Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan for the period 2027-2029.

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