

PUCN Connection

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May is Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month

Wildfires are not uncommon in Nevada. Forests in the Lake Tahoe area in the north and the Spring Mountains in the south have experienced wildfires that cause destruction to not just the forests, but to people living in the area and the utility infrastructures that serve them.

According to Living with Fire's (LWF) website, [livingwithfire.org](https://www.livingwithfire.org), the combination of strong winds, dry vegetation and low humidity result in a fire that is "more difficult to contain when these conditions are present." There is an abundance of strong winds, dry vegetation and low humidity in Nevada!

LWF is a Nevada collaboration of federal, state, and local firefighting agencies working to educate and prepare Nevadans to keep homes and communities safe from wildfires.

Since 2019, the Nevada Legislature has required NV Energy to have a Natural Disaster Protection Plan (NDPP) in place to help reduce the chances that electrical equipment might contribute to or cause a wildfire. Measures such as cutting vegetation near overhead power lines and de-energizing lines during high winds are just a few of the tools used by the utility in its NDPP.

The NDPP, which must be submitted to the PUCN for approval, must include the following elements:

- (a) Areas within the utility's service territory that are subject to a heightened threat of a fire or other natural disaster.
- (b) An approach for the mitigation of potential fires or other natural disasters that is cost effective, prudent and reasonable.



Every May, Living With Fire (LWF) partners with agencies across Nevada to create a vital interagency wildfire education campaign aimed at raising awareness and preparedness across the state.

Visit LWF's website to access valuable resources and learn about upcoming events.

<https://www.livingwithfire.org/nevada-wildfire-awareness-month/>

(c) The preventive measures and programs the utility will implement to minimize the risk of its electric infrastructure causing a fire.

(d) The participation of the utility, including any commitments made, in any community wildfire protection plans, as defined in 16 U.S.C. § 6511, established in this state.

(e) Protocols for de-energizing distribution lines and disabling reclosers on those lines in the event of a fire or other natural disaster. Such protocols must consider the associated impact of such actions on public safety and mitigate any adverse impact on public safety plans, including the impact on critical first responders and on health and communication infrastructure.

(f) The procedures to inspect the utility's electric infrastructure.

(g) The procedures the utility intends to use for vegetation management.

(h) The procedures the utility intends to use to restore its distribution system in the event of a natural disaster.

(i) Demonstrate that the natural disaster protection plan is consistent with the emergency response plan submitted by the utility pursuant to NRS 239C.270.

(j) Describe the ability of the utility to implement the natural disaster protection plan and identify additional funding needed for the implementation of the plan.

For more information on NV Energy's approved 2024-2026 NDPP, visit puc.nv.gov to view documents filed in dockets 23-03003 and 23-03004.



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PUCN Consumer Sessions Allow Citizens to Be Heard

About Consumer Sessions

There are two types of consumer sessions: general consumer sessions and case-specific 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 or natural gas purchased for resale; an annual deferred energy accounting adjustment application; or an annual rate adjustment application. A consumer session is also held if an 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.
- **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). General consumer sessions allow the public to provide input about any topic concerning utilities regulated by the PUCN, including NV Energy and Southwest Gas,



A consumer, at left, provides comments at a June 2024 consumer session at the PUCN's Carson City office regarding NV Energy's request to change gas and electric rates in Northern Nevada.

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

All PUCN 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 often 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.

The PUCN website also lists upcoming consumer sessions at <https://pucweb1.state.nv.us/puc2/ConsumerInfo/ConsumerSession.aspx>.

May PUCN Calendar

MAY 1 - 2 | HEARING | 9 AM

Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of the first amendment to their 2024-2026 Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan.
Docket 24-12016

MAY 13 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

MAY 13 | DUE - UPDATED PRICING MODEL BY NEVADA POWER COMPANY | 5 PM

Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of an Energy Supply Agreement with MSG Las Vegas, LLC.

MAY 19 - 21, MAY 23 | HEARINGS | 9 AM

Application of Great Basin Water Co. for authority to consolidate and adjust its annual revenue requirement for water and sewer service rates charged to all classes of customers in the Pahrump, Spring Creek, Cold Springs, and Spanish Springs Divisions and for other relief properly related thereto. Docket 24-12003

MAY 26 | MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

MAY 27 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

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Dockets Opened at the PUCN in April 2025


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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
25-04001	4/1/2025	Filing by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual report on the quality of service metrics in compliance with the Order issued in Docket No. 15-06064.
25-04002	4/3/2025	Application of King's Row Trailer Park to withdraw \$130,978.67 from the tenant service charge account for reimbursement of expenses incurred to repair and maintain the electrical system.
25-04003	4/9/2025	Notice by BP Energy Company that it did not serve retail electric customers during the 2024 Renewable Portfolio Standard reporting period.
25-04004	4/9/2025	Registration of TELCO Communications LLC d/b/a TELCO CELLULAR as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
25-04005	4/9/2025	Annual Report of Constellation Energy Generation, LLC on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04006	4/11/2025	Annual Report of Switch Ltd. on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04007	4/11/2025	Annual Report of Tenaska Power Services Co. on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04008	4/14/2025	Annual Report of Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04009	4/14/2025	Notice by SE US Development, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct Forty Mile North Solar Project consisting of a 240 MW photovoltaic solar energy generating facility, a 240 MW battery energy storage system, a 6.3-mile 345 kV generation-tie transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect the proposed Forty Mile North Solar Project with the existing Valmy-Tracy transmission line, to be located on private and federally-managed land in Churchill County, Nevada.
25-04010	4/15/2025	Application of Nevada Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, filed under Advice Letter No. 2080, to revise Tariff No. C to modify General Regulations Schedule No. C2-A to add language that it may grandfather or discontinue services in certain geographical areas, subject to applicable regulatory approvals.
25-04011	4/22/2025	Annual Report of Brookfield Renewable Energy Marketing US LLC d/b/a Brookfield Renewable on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04012	4/15/2025	Annual Report of Macquarie Energy LLC on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04013	4/15/2025	Filing by Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy of annual progress report of its Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure Plan pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 24-04004.
25-04014	4/15/2025	Annual Report of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy on compliance with the Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy for Compliance Year 2024.
25-04015	4/16/2025	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by TMWA.
25-04016	4/17/2025	Notice by Olympus Nevada LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Olympus Solar Project consisting of a 1,150 MW photovoltaic solar energy generating facility, a 525 kV transmission line, a 1,150 MW battery energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 16,508 acres of federally-managed land in White Pine County, Nevada.
25-04017	4/21/2025	Application of Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. to expand its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Nevada pursuant to NAC 704.680461 and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
25-04018	4/18/2025	Notice by Great Basin Transmission, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Harry Allen Fixed Series Capacitor Project consisting of three 500 kV fixed series capacitors and associated facilities to be located on approximately 23 acres of federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada.
25-04019	4/22/2025	Notice by Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. of Service Catalog updates to transition Vacation Get Away Service from a nonrecurring charge to a monthly recurring fee.
25-04021	4/23/2025	Registration of RABONA CORPORATION as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
25-04023	4/25/2025	Dr. Staci Baker vs. Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy. Complaint regarding the alleged violation of the Natural Disaster Protection Plan, Vegetation Management's "Resiliency Corridor".
25-04024	4/29/2025	Application of Desert Gold RV Park to withdraw \$985.41 from the tenant service charge account for reimbursement of expenses incurred to repair and maintain the electrical system.
25-04025	4/28/2025	Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 5, to revise Access Services Tariff No. 1 to discontinue adjusted rates for Shared Use arrangements.
25-04026	4/22/2025	Filing by Filer Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a TruLeap Technologies of a copy of Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission submitted to the Federal Communications Commission.
25-04027	4/30/2025	Request of WeIncentivize LLC d/b/a ChosenWireless to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
25-04028	4/29/2025	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Excel Utility Contractors LLC ("Excel") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Excel.
25-04029	4/30/2025	Application of Winston FC Solar, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the Winston Solar Facility consisting of an up to 400 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, a 230 kV generation-tie line, a substation, and associated facilities to be located on private land in Lyon County, Nevada.
25-04030	4/30/2025	Notice by Libra Solar 2, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Highway Solar Project consisting of a 400 MW photovoltaic solar energy generating facility, a 500 kV generation-tie line, a 400 MW battery energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 1,350 acres of federally-managed land in Lyon County, Nevada.
25-04031	4/30/2025	Application of the Nevada Department of Transportation for authority to remove an existing bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks located near West Wendover in Elko County, Nevada.



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