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An Electric Utility's Request to Change Rates

General Rate Case Process

RATE REGULATION

The basic purpose of utility rate regulation, as established by the Nevada Legislature, is to balance the needs of the consumer and utility. Consumers are interested in reliable and safe utility service at the lowest possible rates. The utility is interested in rates that are sufficient to cover the costs of providing utility service and adequate to attract and maintain investment capital. The role of the PUCN in this process is to assure the interests of the consumer and utility are balanced.

GENERAL RATE CASE (GRC) APPLICATIONS

Investor-owned electric, gas, water or wastewater utilities in Nevada must seek approval from the PUCN through a GRC application to change the rates charged to customers for services. The GRC application is filed with the PUCN and is available for the public to review on the PUCN's website or at the PUCN's offices. The utility cannot change the rates until after the PUCN finishes the process of investigating the GRC application and issues an order authorizing changes in rates.

FREQUENCY OF GRC FILINGS

The Legislature requires electric and certain water/wastewater utilities operating in Nevada to file a GRC application with the PUCN at least once every 36 months. For a recent example, see NV Energy's GRC application in Docket 23-06007. The Legislature has not set a schedule requiring natural gas or

telephone utilities operating in Nevada to file GRC applications at designated intervals.

RATIONALE & CUSTOMER CLASSES

When a utility files a GRC application, it must include the reasons for the requested rate change. It must also propose the classes of customers who will pay for the rate change: residential, commercial or industrial. The application must state who will pay how much and why.

FORMAL EVIDENTIARY PROCESS

The application filing begins a formal evidentiary hearing process in which the PUCN must establish the amount of money the utility needs to collect from customers through rates. The basis for the amount is the PUCN's determination as to

the reasonable and prudent costs for the utility to provide service. In addition to labor, materials and taxes, the costs considered include depreciation

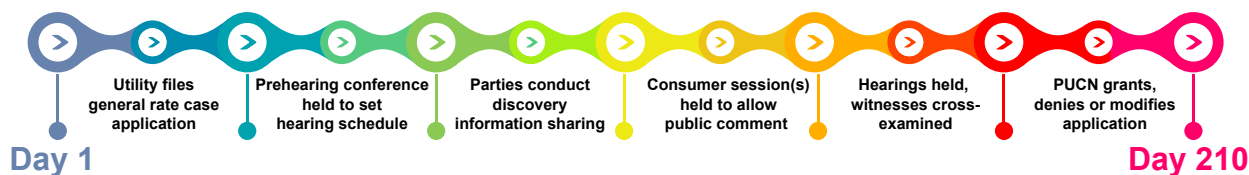
HEARINGS SET ON NV ENERGY GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION

The PUCN will continue hearings from October into November to review evidence in NV Energy's application to increase general rates in Southern Nevada.

Hearings will be livestreamed on the PUCN website.

See the November calendar on page 2 for more info.

General Rate Case 210 Day Formal Evidentiary Process



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Weatherization Program Helps Nevadans Conserve Energy

PROGRAM BASICS

The Nevada Housing Division's Weatherization Assistance Program provides energy conservation measures in dwelling units occupied by families at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines as established by the US Office of Management and Budget. For eligible homeowners and renters, there is no direct cost to participate in the program. Owners of eligible rental properties may be required to pay 50% of any capital improvement measures that are installed.

ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES

After a home energy assessment is performed by a trained energy auditor, a dwelling unit may qualify for some of these typical energy conservation measures:

- Air sealing
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Insulation
- Low-flow shower heads
- Pipe wraps
- Solar screens
- Weather-stripping

SERVICE AREAS

The Nevada Housing Division's (NHD) role is to provide funding to eligible nonprofit agencies, called sub-grantees. If interested, call the sub-grantee in your area for specific details on how to apply:

- [Community Services Agency \(CSA\)](#) Service area includes Washoe County. Phone number: (775) 786-6023
- [HELP of Southern Nevada \(HELP\)](#) Service area includes the City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson and Southern Rural Clark County. Phone Number: (702) 795-0575
- [Nevada Rural Housing Authority \(NRHA\)](#) Service area includes Carson City, Churchill County, Douglas County, Lyon County, City of North Las Vegas, Northern Rural Clark County and Storey County. Phone number: Northern NV - (775) 887-1795, ext. 112 Southern NV - (702) 660-5136

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on plant used to produce and deliver the utility's product, as well as interest costs for debt issued by the utility to finance construction of that plant. Rates must also allow a reasonable profit on the equity invested by the company's shareholders. This information is primarily based on historical costs, not future projections. When added together, all these costs produce the revenue requirement that needs to be collected from customers through rates. The receipt of a utility's GRC application initiates a formal process, outlined below, that must, by Nevada law, be

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Most meetings are livestreamed between PUCN offices in Carson City & Las Vegas and on the PUCN website.

NOV. 6-9 | HEARING | 10 AM
Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for authority to adjust its annual revenue requirement for general rates charged to all classes of electric customers and for relief properly related thereto.
DOCKETS 23-06007 & 23-06008

NOV. 14 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

NOV. 16-17 | HEARING | 10 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 their 2023 Combined Annual Electric Demand Side Management Update Report as it relates to the Action Plan of their 2022-2041 Joint Integrated Resource Plan.
DOCKETS 23-06044 & 23-06045

NOV. 20 | HEARING | 10 AM
Application of Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Humboldt Telephone Company for authority to establish its annual revenue requirement for telephone service rates, set a new rate design, modify draws from the Nevada Universal Service Fund, reflect changes in the cost of capital, modify depreciation rates, and for other relief properly related thereto.
DOCKET 23-06005

NOV. 28 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

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- [Rural Nevada Development Corporation \(RNDC\)](#) Service area includes the following counties: Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine. Phone Numbers: (775) 289-8519 or (866) 404-5204

completed within 210 days.

MORE INFORMATION

Download a PDF copy of the PUCN's [General Rate Case Fact Sheet](#) to continue reading about how an electric utility changes its general rates.

Dockets Opened at the PUCN in October 2023

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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
23-10001	10/2/2023	Application of Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc. for approval to withdraw \$15,000.00 in funds from its surcharge funds account to pay for the Preliminary Engineering Report authorized by the Commission in Docket No. 22-01024, to withdraw \$4,260.00 in funds to repair a faulty valve, and to authorize a standing emergency disbursement of \$4,000.00 when future emergencies occur.
23-10002	10/5/2023	Application of Uprise LLC d/b/a Uprise Fiber for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
23-10003	10/5/2023	Application of Arcadian Infracom 2, LLC d/b/a Arcadian and Arcadian Infracom for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
23-10004	10/5/2023	Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff for an order to show cause why Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy should not be administratively fined pursuant to NRS 703.380 for violation of a Commission Order.
23-10005	10/3/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and NPL West LLC ("NPL") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by NPL.
23-10006	10/4/2023	Notice by Phoenix Titania LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct a 1,400,000 kVA/1,400 MW substation and associated facilities to interconnect the Phoenix Titania, Phoenix Portia, and Phoenix Prospero solar projects to the electric grid to be located on federally-managed land in Mineral County, Nevada.
23-10007	10/5/2023	Request of NewPhone Wireless, L.L.C. to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
23-10008	10/5/2023	Registration of Atlantic Mobile US LLC d/b/a Angel Mobile as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-10009	10/5/2023	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, AirTouch Cellular d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Rural Cellular Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Sacramento Valley Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Spok Inc. for approval of Amendments to their Interconnection Agreements pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-10010	10/6/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and FHM Construction LLC ("FHM") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by FHM.
23-10011	10/9/2023	Notice by Sawtooth DevCo, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Clyde Solar Project consisting of a 1,000 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, an up to 500 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 6,850 acres of federally-managed land in Humboldt County, Nevada.
23-10012	10/11/2023	Filing by Digital Technology Solutions, Inc. d/b/a DTS Fiber to include Nye and Pershing Counties, Nevada, for competitive supplier telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 3066 Sub 1.
23-10013	10/16/2023	Request of Pioneer Telephone to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
23-10014	10/16/2023	Application of Pioneer Telephone to voluntarily discontinue telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2800 Sub 1.
23-10015	10/17/2023	Notice by Tillman FiberCo Nevada, LLC of a pro forma change of control.
23-10016	10/17/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Canyon Pipeline Construction, Inc. ("Canyon Pipeline") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Canyon Pipeline.
23-10017	10/24/2023	Application of Great Basin Water Co., Pahrump, Spring Creek, Cold Springs, and Spanish Springs Divisions, for authority to revise Water Tariff Nos. 236, 238, 240 and 241A to implement the deferred water service adjustment rate mechanism relating to the Order issued in Docket No. 21-12025.
23-10018	10/18/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Q&D Construction LLC ("Q&D") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Q&D.

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23-10019	10/19/2023	Investigation regarding regional market activities in the western interconnection relevant to Nevada utilities' obligations pursuant to NRS Chapter 704.
23-10020	10/20/2023	Notice by EON Telecom of its intent to request numbering resources for the Las Vegas rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
23-10021	10/23/2023	Sasha & Salvador Gomez vs. Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy. Complaint regarding high bills.
23-10022	10/24/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Western States Contracting ("WSC") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by WSC.
23-10023	11/1/2023	Application of CBTS Technology Solutions LLC to voluntarily discontinue telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2792 Sub 2.
23-10024	10/30/2023	Filing by TerraCom Inc. of updated Advisory Tariff No. 1 that includes updates to Wireless Lifeline Program, grandfathered prior plans, updated top-ups, and trade name added where applicable.
23-10025	10/30/2023	Notice by Hartford Fire Insurance Company on behalf of CIMA ENERGY, LTD. of a bond rider.
23-10027	10/31/2023	Registration of PRESTO WIRELESS CORP. as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-10028	10/31/2023	Notice by Sawtooth DevCo, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Tromso Solar Project consisting of an up to 1,800 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a battery energy storage system, an up to 500 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located on approximately 10,000 acres of federally-managed land in White Pine County, Nevada.
23-10029	11/1/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Capriati Construction Corp, Inc. ("Capriati") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Capriati.
23-10030	10/31/2023	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 542, to revise Interruptible Agricultural Irrigation Water Pumping Schedule No. IAIWP to increase the IAIWP rate.
23-10031	10/31/2023	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 668-E, to revise Interruptible Irrigation Service Schedule No. IS-2 to increase the IS-2 rate.

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