

PUCN Connection

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

September 2022 Edition

Lifeline Awareness Week: Sept. 12 - 16

Stay connected with the FCC's Lifeline and Affordability Connectivity Programs


Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to our low-income residents. Lifeline helps low-income consumers connect to the nation's communications networks, find jobs, access health care services, connect with family and call for help in an emergency.

Under the federal Lifeline program, low-income consumers who participate in certain public assistance programs, or qualify based on income, can receive up to \$9.25 in federal Lifeline benefits and up to an additional \$3.50 from the Nevada Lifeline fund, for a possible combined benefit of \$12.75 for non-tribal consumers. Certain eligible tribal consumers can receive up to \$34.25 in federal Lifeline discounts.

More information on program eligibility and rules is available at lifelinesupport.org.

In 2021, the Federal Communications Commission implemented a new program – the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP provides eligible

Lifeline Support

 (800) 234-9473

press 1 for English or 2 for Spanish

 lifelinesupport@usac.org

households up to a \$30/month discount for broadband services – more for households on qualifying tribal lands. Current Lifeline participants are automatically eligible, but they still need to select a provider and eligible ACP plan to receive the benefit.

Apply online for Lifeline benefits at nv.fcc.gov, or mail your application by downloading a copy at lifelinesupport.org, or contact your local [participating telecommunications provider](#).

To apply online or download an application for the Affordable Connectivity Program, go to: AffordableConnectivity.gov.

PUCN CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 13

Regular Agenda Meeting

10:00 a.m.

PUCN offices in Carson City & Las Vegas & live streamed on the PUCN website

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Tuesday, September 13

Sierra Pacific Power Co. d/b/a NV Energy - Application to Change Rates Consumer Session

6:00 p.m.

PUCN Carson City office & live streamed on the PUCN website

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Tuesday, September 20

Clark County General Consumer Session

1:00 p.m. & 6 p.m.

PUCN Las Vegas office

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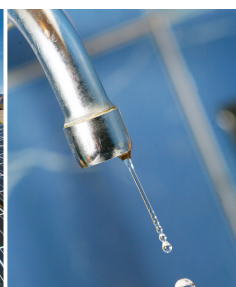
Thursday, September 29

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WE'RE HELPING NEVADANS SAVE ON UTILITY BILLS

Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Households

Many Nevadans spend too much income on utility bills. Nevada's Weatherization Assistance Program helps lower these costs for qualifying households with conservation measures (like air sealing, installing energy efficient light bulbs and adding insulation) at no cost to the household.

TIPS TO LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS



Change furnace filter every three months



Seal air cracks or gaps

Add door sweeps to exterior doors, seal gaps and cracks with caulk, add foam sealing gasket to electrical outlets, etc.



Insulate water heater and flush to remove sediment and improve flow



Use LED light bulbs

They use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25X longer



Change ceiling fan rotation with season

For cooling, run fan counterclockwise; for warming, run clockwise

The State of Nevada has applied for \$24 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds to support this program. To apply for assistance, contact the organization in your area:

RURAL NEVADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (RNDC)

Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, White Pine counties
(775) 289-8519 / (866) 404-5204

HELP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (HELP)

City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Southern Rural Clark County
(702) 795-0575

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA)

Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey and Northern Rural Clark counties, City of North Las Vegas
Northern: (775) 887-1795, ext. 112, Southern: (702) 660-5136

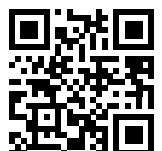
COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY (CSA)

Washoe County
(775) 786-6023



Scan to visit our web page at

climateaction.nv.gov/news/weatherization-assistance-program/



Dockets Opened at the PUCN in August 2022

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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
22-08001	8/1/2022	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 second amendment to their 2020 Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan.
22-08003	8/2/2022	Request of China Unicom (Americas) Operations Limited to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
22-08004	8/5/2022	Petition of Southern Nevada Home Builders Association, Inc. for a Declaratory Order or, in the alternative, a Petition for an Investigation and Rulemaking, finding that townhomes should be classified as single-family dwellings for purposes of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy's and Sierra Pacific Power d/b/a NV Energy's (together "NV Energy") Rule 9 Line Extension Allowances and that NV Energy should reimburse builders accordingly.
22-08005	8/9/2022	Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff to open an investigation and rulemaking docket for regulations in Chapter 704 of the Nevada Administrative Code regarding cyber security reporting requirements for regulated utilities and other matters related thereto.
22-08006	8/9/2022	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and M CON, Inc. ("MCON") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by MCON.
22-08007	8/10/2022	Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for approval of an Amendment to its Renewable Natural Gas Procurement Agreement with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada.
22-08008	8/12/2022	Investigation and Rulemaking regarding the existence of electric customer-owned service ("COS") lines located in the service territories of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, the safety and economic implications of having COS lines, and other issues related to utility facilities map accuracy.
22-08009	8/24/2022	Notice by MCI Communications Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Business Services of a bond rider.
22-08010	8/16/2022	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 Kawich Solar Project consisting of an approximately 350 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 230 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
22-08011	8/30/2022	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-03 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2022.
22-08012	8/16/2022	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-03(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2022.
22-08013	8/15/2022	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 22-03(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2022.
22-08014	8/18/2022	Report by Solix, Inc., as Administrator of the Nevada Universal Service Fund, regarding fiscal year 2023 assessment recommendation concerning the minimum annual contribution and assessment rate on the intrastate retail revenues of all obligated providers of telecommunication services in Nevada.
22-08015	8/19/2022	Joshua Musicant on behalf of Nancy Jeffries-Musicant vs. Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy ("NV Energy"). Complaint regarding allegation that NV Energy is illegally curtailing its service.
22-08016	8/19/2022	Notice by EDF Renewables Development, Inc., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Lonely Solar Project consisting of a 500 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 230 kV generation-tie line, a battery energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located in Lander County, Nevada.
22-08017	8/19/2022	Notice by EDF Renewables Development, Inc., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 10.5-mile long 230 kV generation-tie line extending from the proposed Borderline Solar Project at the CA-NV border to the Trout Canyon Substation to be located in Clark and Nye Counties, NV.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
22-08018	8/19/2022	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of Amendments to their Undergrounding Management Plan for 2023 - 2025.
22-08019	8/22/2022	Notice by 330MV 8me LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the 330MV Solar Project consisting of a 150 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 150 MW battery energy storage system, a 500 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
22-08020	8/22/2022	Notice by EDF Renewables Development, Inc., under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Potosi Solar Project consisting of an approximately 1,000 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 500 kV generation-tie line, a battery energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada.
22-08021	8/23/2022	Registration of Go Technology Management, LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
22-08022	8/24/2022	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Reno Green Landscaping, Inc. ("Reno Green") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Reno Green.
22-08023	8/24/2022	Notice by Naturgy Candela Devco LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Esmeralda North Solar Project consisting of an approximately 1,000 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, an approximately 4,000 MW battery energy storage system, an up to 525 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Esmeralda County, Nevada.
22-08024	8/30/2022	Southwest Gas Corporation filed Notice, under Advice Letter No. 531, to adjust Northern and Southern Nevada Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2022.
22-08025	8/26/2022	Notice by NUSO, LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for the Las Vegas rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
22-08026	8/30/2022	Application of Great Basin Water Co., Spanish Springs Division, filed under Advice Letter No. 11, to revise Water Tariff No. 1-W to implement the deferred water service adjustment rate mechanism relating to the Order issued in Docket No. 18-11014.
22-08027	8/30/2022	Notice by AT&T Corp. of its intent to request numbering resources for various rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

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