

PUCN Connection

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Investigations, Rule-Makings & Contested Cases

The PUCN is quasi-judicial, similar to a court, and is required by statute to make decisions based upon evidence formally accepted into the record. PUCN decisions are formulated through formal processes that start when a utility or other entity submits a filing to the PUCN. Filings include applications, petitions, reports, complaints, and plans.






Depending on the type of filing, the resulting case before the PUCN may be contested or uncontested. The PUCN also conducts investigations, sometimes on its own initiative and sometimes pursuant to request.

Depending on the purpose of an investigation and the information gathered over the course of the proceeding, an investigation may lead to a rulemaking in which the PUCN establishes regulations.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigations are opened for a number of reasons, but are generally conducted to gather information. Investigations may be treated as contested or uncontested cases. In most investigations, the PUCN gathers information by requesting comments and holding workshops, but other steps may also be involved depending on the individual investigation.

Some investigations are initiated by a request from Staff in response to a problem with a utility. In these types of investigations, the PUCN may require the utility in question to participate and provide information to determine whether a problem exists and how best to address it.



The PUCN is a state agency that regulates public utilities engaged in electric, natural gas, telephone, water and wastewater services; geothermal facilities; gas and electric "master meter" service at mobile home parks; and some propane systems. The PUCN also inspects Nevada's railways for safety and monitors gas pipelines across the state.

The PUCN does not regulate cooperatives or municipal-owned utilities.

Example of a recent investigation: Docket 25-05010, investigation to address rate misclassifications by NV Energy.

RULEMAKINGS:

The PUCN creates regulations through a process called rulemaking. Most of the regulations created by the PUCN are contained in NAC Chapters 701B, 703 and 704. Rulemakings must be conducted according to a formal process spelled out in NRS Chapter 233B, which includes a workshop and a hearing.

Regulations must be approved by the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Legislative Commission to become effective and codified in NAC.

Example of a recent rulemaking: Docket 25-07010, rulemaking to amend, adopt, and /or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 442 (2025).

CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED CASES:

A case is contested if significant rights or obligations of the utility are at issue, NRS requires it to be a contested case, or a person or entity requests to participate as an intervener. An intervener is a person or organization who requests to participate to protect their own substantial interests that may be affected by the PUCN's decision in the case.

An intervener must be granted permission by the PUCN to participate as a party in a case, but Staff may always participate as a party. An example of a contested case is a utility's application to change rates charged to customers.

Contested cases at the PUCN involve the filing of written

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testimony by the parties and a formal evidentiary hearing process. However, if the parties reach a settlement agreement prior to the filing of testimony or the date the hearing is scheduled to begin, those items may be cancelled.

Presiding officers and their advisors are prohibited from discussing issues of fact or law involved in contested cases with any individual party, including Staff, unless all parties to the case are given notice and an opportunity to participate in the discussion. This is called the ex parte rule.

Example of a recent contested case: Docket 25-07010, application of 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.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN CONTESTED CASES?

Participation in a contested case's prehearing conference & formal hearings is limited to parties that participate as a matter of right & those who have requested & been granted intervenor status by the presiding officer.

MATTER OF RIGHT PARTIES: The applicant/utility, PUCN Regulatory Operations Staff (Staff) and the Bureau of Consumer Protection participate as a matter of right.

INTERVENERS: An intervenor is a person or organization whose substantial interests may be affected by the PUCN's decision in the docket. Intervenors may present technical

evidence through witnesses and question other parties' witnesses. Because the BCP represents the collective interests of residential and small business consumers in PUCN proceedings, these two groups are generally not granted intervenor status.

BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION (BCP): The BCP is part of the Nevada Attorney General's Office. The BCP represents residential and small business customers before the PUCN. The BCP's role is to advocate for reliable utility service at the lowest reasonable cost for residential and small business consumers.

COMMENTERS: A person or organization may participate as a commenter by filing written comments prior to a scheduled proceeding and identify themselves or the organization as a commenter. Comments must adhere to requirements for submitting a pleading outlined in NAC 703.560. Pursuant to NAC 703.491, commenters may file written comments regarding issues in the proceeding, but are not parties to a proceeding. While comments are valuable and may lead to the introduction of evidence by a party (such as Staff or the BCP), comments are not evidence pursuant to NRS 233B.123.

MORE INFORMATION

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September PUCN Calendar

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SEPTEMBER 1 | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

SEPTEMBER 3 | WORKSHOP | 10 AM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Assembly Bill 524 (2023).
Docket 23-07026

SEPTEMBER 9 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 16 | SPECIAL AGENDA | 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 16 | WORKSHOP | 10:30 AM
Investigation regarding the water system improvement
plan for Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc.
Docket 22-09005

SEPTEMBER 16 | WORKSHOP | 2 PM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Assembly Bill 452 (2025).
Docket 25-07003

SEPTEMBER 18 | WORKSHOP | 10 AM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Senate Bill 326 (2025).
Docket 25-07005

SEPTEMBER 18 | WORKSHOP | 11 AM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Senate Bill 417 (2025).
Docket 25-07006

SEPTEMBER 18 | WORKSHOP | 2 PM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Senate Bill 442 (2025)
Docket 25-07007

SEPTEMBER 22 | WORKSHOP | 9 AM
Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations
in accordance with Assembly Bill 449 (2025).
Docket 25-07002

SEPTEMBER 25 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 29 | WORKSHOP | 10 AM
Investigation to explore Nevada Universal Service Fund
issues. Docket 24-12030

SEPTEMBER 30 | HEARING | 9 AM
Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company
d/b/a NV Energy for approval of an Energy Supply
Agreement with Coeur Rochester, Inc. Docket 24-06011

Dockets Opened at the PUCN in August 2025

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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
25-08001	8/4/2025	Registration of Fierce Data Solutions, LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
25-08002	8/4/2025	Registration of Flex Mobile Inc. as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
25-08003	8/4/2025	Registration of Peak Data Network Solutions, LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
25-08004	8/4/2025	Filing by Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless of updated Informational Tariff No. 2 that includes updates to Wireless Lifeline Program.
25-08005	8/7/2025	Application of Zayo Network Services, LLC for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
25-08006	8/4/2025	Application of Verdi Meadows Utility Company, Inc. for approval to withdraw \$3,279.25, in funds from its surcharge funds account, established by the Commission in Docket No. 22-01024, to pay for an emergency leak repair.
25-08007	8/5/2025	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 556, to revise Miscellaneous Charges Schedule No. MC to update fees for third party payment services for residential, small commercial, and large commercial accounts.
25-08008	8/5/2025	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 683-E, to revise Miscellaneous Charges Schedule No. MC to update fees for third party payment services for residential, small commercial, and large commercial accounts.
25-08009	8/7/2025	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct the 400 MW Valmy Capacity Project consisting of two 200 MW natural gas combustion turbines, an approximately 0.5-mile 345 kV transmission line, expansion of the North Valmy 345 kV substation, and associated facilities to be located on private land in Humboldt County, Nevada.
25-08010	8/8/2025	Request of Via Wireless, LLC to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
25-08011	8/11/2025	Notice by Cox Nevada Telcom, LLC, Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Fiberlink NV-CCVII, LLC, Cox Communications, Inc., and Cox Enterprises, Inc. of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
25-08012	8/12/2025	Request of PRESTO WIRELESS CORP. to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
25-08013	8/15/2025	Report by Solix, Inc., as Administrator of the Nevada Universal Service Fund, regarding fiscal year 2026 assessment recommendation concerning the minimum annual contribution and assessment rate on the intrastate retail revenues of all obligated providers of telecommunication services in Nevada.
25-08014		
25-08015	8/15/2005	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 25-03 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2025.
25-08016	8/15/2025	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 25-03(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2025.
25-08017	8/15/2025	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 25-03(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective October 1, 2025.
25-08018	8/18/2025	Notice by SQF, LLC of a pro forma corporate restructuring.

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