

# PUCN-Connection

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## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Below are strategies from the U.S. Department of Energy to help you save energy and keep costs down during the summer when the weather is warm and you are trying to keep your home cool. Some of the tips below are free and can be used on a daily basis to increase your savings; others are simple and inexpensive actions you can take to keep energy affordable through the spring and summer.

### USE YOUR WINDOWS TO KEEP OUT HEAT

- Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day.
- ⇒ Find out about [window treatments and coverings](#) that can improve energy efficiency.

### OPERATE YOUR THERMOSTAT EFFICIENTLY

- Set your thermostat at a temperature you find comfortable and that provides humidity control, if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting when you return home and need cooling. A [programmable thermostat](#) allows you to do this automatically and without sacrificing comfort.
- Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you first turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

### USE FANS AND VENTILATION STRATEGIES TO COOL YOUR HOME

- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.
- When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home. Your laundry room might also benefit from spot ventilation. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside (not just to the attic).

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## JUNE CALENDAR

PUCN meetings are livestreamed between our Carson City & Las Vegas offices and on [puc.nv.gov](https://puc.nv.gov).

### JUNE 8 | WORKSHOP | 10 A.M.

Investigation and Rulemaking to consider adopting new regulations in Chapter 704 of the Nevada Administrative Code regarding cyber security reporting requirements for regulated utilities.

**DOCKET 22-09017**

### JUNE 13 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 A.M.

### JUNE 20 | CONSUMER SESSION | 10 A.M.

Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of fuel and purchased power expenses, to reset the Temporary Renewable Energy Development charge, reset all components of the Renewable Energy Program Rate, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Program Rates, reset the Base Energy Efficiency Implementation Rates, reset the Energy Efficiency Program Amortization Rate, reset the Energy Efficiency Implementation Amortization Rate, reset the Expanded Solar Program Costs Rate, and refund the total amount of Base Energy Efficiency Implementation Rate revenue received in 2022, including carrying charges.

**DOCKETS 23-03005, 23-03006, 23-03007**

### JUNE 21 - 23 | HEARING | 10 A.M.

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 2024-2026.

**DOCKET 23-03003**

### JUNE 27 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 A.M.

The full calendar is available at [puc.nv.gov](https://puc.nv.gov).



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## Energy Tips: *continued from page 1*

### KEEP YOUR COOLING SYSTEM RUNNING EFFICIENTLY

- For maximum energy affordability, schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.
  - ⇒ Learn about operating and maintaining your [air conditioner](#), [evaporative cooler](#), or [heat pump](#).
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
  - ⇒ Learn additional tips for operating a [room air conditioner](#) efficiently.
- Vacuum your air intake vents regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.

### CONSIDER A RANGE OF APPLIANCES AND LIGHTING OPTIONS

- Consider lighting options that operate at cooler temperatures.
  - ⇒ Learn more about your options for efficient [lighting](#).
  - ⇒ Find out [when to turn off your lights](#).
- If convenient, take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight.
  - ⇒ Learn more about strategies for efficient [daylighting](#).
- Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.
  - ⇒ Learn more about efficient [dishwashing](#) and [laundry](#).

### KEEP HOT AIR FROM LEAKING INTO YOUR HOME

- Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
  - ⇒ Learn more about [air sealing new and existing homes](#).
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.
  - ⇒ Find how to [select and apply the appropriate caulk](#).
  - ⇒ Learn how to [select and apply weatherstripping](#).
  - ⇒ Find out other ways to improve the [energy efficiency of your windows](#).

### LOWER YOUR WATER HEATING COSTS

Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home.

- The [Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends setting your water heater at no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit](#) to prevent scalding. The lower setting will also conserve energy and save money.

(Source: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips>)

## PUCN Performance Metrics July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

### FULL COMMISSION AGENDA MEETINGS

Agenda Meetings Held ..... 51

### CERTIFICATES, LICENSES & PERMITS

Utility Environmental Protection Act Permits Issued..... 30

Certificates of Public Convenience & Commercial Mobile

Radio Service Certificates. .... 61

### COMPLAINTS

Consumer Complaints & Questions Received ..... 5,165

### CONSUMER SESSIONS

Consumer Sessions & Community Meetings Held..... 26

### DOCKETS OPENED

Dockets Opened - ALL ..... 796

Rulemakings Opened to Address Legislative Directives from the 2019 Legislative Session..... 5

Electric & Water Resource Planning ..... 7

Dockets Closed - ALL ..... 676

### FINES & PENALTIES COLLECTED AND TRANSFERRED TO STATE'S GENERAL FUND

Compliances Ordered..... 148

Total Civil Penalties Assessed - One Call Violations ..\$155,000

Total Civil Penalties Assessed - Gas Violations.....\$121,000

Fines & Penalties Collected.....\$288,475

### GENERAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

Court Cases..... 11

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Cases ..... 6

### INVESTIGATIONS

Gas Incidents Investigated ..... 1

Railroad & Rail Transit Incidents Investigated ..... 60

### INSPECTIONS

Number of Gas Pipeline Inspection Field Days Per Inspector (6 Inspectors)..... 190

Rail Units Inspected (Motive Power & Equipment, Track, Hazmat & Operating Practices) (4 Inspectors)..... 38,637

### OUTREACH

Community Events Attended ..... 52

Information Pieces Distributed to Consumers ..... 5,344

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Number of Media Requests for Information..... 110

Number of Non-Media Requests for Information..... 306

Number of Press Releases Distributed ..... 45

For more information about PUCN activities during the July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022, biennium, download the [PUCN's 2023 Biennial Report](#).

# Dockets Opened at the PUCN in May 2023

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

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
23-05001	5/1/2023	Registration of Nova Labs, Inc. as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-05002	5/3/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Southwest Gas Corporation ("SWG") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law and 49 CFR Part 192 of the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations by SWG.
23-05003	5/4/2023	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, Mpower Communications Corp. d/b/a TPx Communications, and U.S. TelePacific Corp. d/b/a TPx Communications for approval of Amendment Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 to their Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-05004	5/9/2023	Notice by Honey Mesquite Solar LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 10-mile 525 kV generation-tie line to interconnect the Honey Mesquite Storage Project with the proposed Walker River Substation to be located on federally-managed land in Lyon County, Nevada.
23-05005	5/5/2023	Notice by Western Bounty, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct Segment 2 of the Western Bounty Transmission Line Project consisting of an approximately 330-mile 500-800 kV single-circuit transmission line extending from the proposed Auriga Converter and Substation to the Nevada-Oregon border, and associated facilities to be located on private and federally-managed land in Esmerelda, Mineral, Lyon, Churchill, Washoe, and Pershing Counties, Nevada.
23-05006	5/8/2023	Notice by the Regulatory Operations Staff of renewable natural gas ("RNG") that has entered Nevada's distribution system via Great Basin Transmission Company's system to the Southwest Gas Corporation's distribution system pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 21-01015.
23-05007	5/11/2023	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale and Electric Lightwave, LLC d/b/a Allstream for approval of Amendment No. 4 to their Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-05008	5/11/2023	Andrea Kondora vs. Silver Springs Mobile Home Park. Complaint regarding electrical billing dispute.
23-05009	5/12/2023	Application of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 3, to revise Access Services Tariff No. 1 to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
23-05010	5/12/2023	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. 18, to revise Access Service Tariff No. 2A to modify rates pursuant to 8YY Access Charge Reform Order in Federal Communications Commission Docket No. FCC 20-143.
23-05011	5/12/2023	Application of Great Basin Water Co. for authority to modify Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2692 Sub 9 to expand its water service territory and wastewater service territory for its Pahrump Division to include 412 acres of proposed development of Adaven Management Inc., and affiliates', property contiguous to its existing service territory located in Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada.
23-05012	5/12/2023	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. NV2023-04, to revise Tariff No. 1A to modify Basic Exchange Access Service Schedule No. 1 to grandfather three, four, and five year term plans for CenturyLink Line Volume Plan.
23-05013	5/12/2023	Investigation related to examining process, modelling, and analytical improvements to Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy's integrated resource planning.
23-05014	5/12/2023	Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for approval of its 2022 Conservation and Energy Efficiency Plan Annual Report and modification for Program Year 2024.
23-05015	5/16/2023	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 23-02 to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2023.
23-05016	5/15/2023	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 23-02(E) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2023.
23-05017	5/15/2023	Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed Notice No. 23-02(G) to adjust the Base Tariff Energy Rates and Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates effective July 1, 2023.
23-05018	5/17/2023	Notice by Western Bounty, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct Segment 1 of the Western Bounty Transmission Line Project consisting of a new substation and converter ("Auriga Substation and Converter"), an up to 37-mile 500 kV to 800 kV double-circuit transmission line extending from the proposed Auriga Converter and Substation to the Nevada-Oregon border, and associated facilities to be located on private and federally-managed land in Esmerelda and Mineral Counties, Nevada.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
23-05019	5/16/2023	Notice by Western Bounty, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct Segment 2 of the Western Bounty Transmission Line Project consisting of an approximately 330-mile 500 kV to 800 kV single-circuit transmission line and associated facilities extending from the proposed Auriga Converter and Substation to the Nevada-Oregon border, to be located on private and federally-managed land in Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Churchill, Washoe, and Pershing Counties, Nevada.
23-05020	5/16/2023	Notice by Western Bounty, LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct Segment 3 of the Western Bounty Transmission Line Project consisting of an up to 350-mile 500kV to 800 kV single-circuit transmission line and associated facilities extending from the proposed Auriga Converter and Substation to either the Nevada-Idaho border through Esmeralda, Nye, Lander, Eureka, and Elko Counties, Nevada, or the Nevada-Oregon border through Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Churchill, Washoe, Pershing, and Humboldt Counties, Nevada, to be located on private and federally-managed land.
23-05021	5/16/2023	Joint Application of Elko Heat Company ("Elko Heat") and TRG, LLC ("TRG") for approval of the transfer of all issued and outstanding stock for Elko Heat from the stockholder of record to TRG.
23-05022	5/18/2023	Application of Prospector Pipeline Company to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 3013 to expand its service territory to provide natural gas service to TS Power Plant located in Eureka County, Nevada, and for approval of a transportation agreement with Nevada Gold Mines LLC.
23-05023	5/22/2023	Filing by Patriot Mobile LLC to update information.
23-05024	5/23/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Vero Fiber Networks, LLC for approval of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-05025	5/22/2023	Petition of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval to reallocate unused capacity from the Residential Customer Category to the Non-residential Customer Category pursuant to the NV GreenEnergy Rider Schedule No. NGR.
23-05026	5/22/2023	Application of Edgewood Water Company for approval of its 2022 Integrated Resource Plan and for other relief properly related thereto.
23-05027	5/23/2023	Registration of VOLT MOBILE INC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-05028	5/24/2023	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), for approval to adjust the Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment under NRS 704.110(10) to provide a discounted rate effective July 1, 2023.
23-05029	5/24/2023	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), for approval to adjust the Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment under NRS 704.110(10) to provide a discounted rate effective July 1, 2023.
23-05030	5/24/2023	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), for approval to adjust the Deferred Energy Account Adjustment Rates in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment under NRS 704.110(8) to provide a discounted rate effective July 1, 2023.
23-05031	5/24/2023	Notice by Rooster's Comb Solar Energy LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct an approximately 7.5-mile 345 kV generation-tie line to interconnect the Rooster's Comb Solar and Energy Storage Project to the North Valmy Substation to be located on private and federally-managed land in Lander and Humboldt Counties, Nevada.
23-05032	5/24/2023	Notice by Rooster's Comb Solar Energy LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Rooster's Comb Solar and Energy Storage Project consisting of an approximately 400 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 400 MW battery energy storage system, and associated facilities to be located on private and federally-managed land in Lander County, Nevada.

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