



# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 22, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Suzanne Groneman, Sustainability Program Manager  
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Public Utilities Commission of Nevada – Docket Updates

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Staff was asked to track important matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. The following dockets are matters in which the City should be aware and take action as indicated. Future updates to open dockets will appear in red.

### **Docket No. 22-03004**

**Date opened:** 03/01/2022

**Description:** Joint Application of NV Energy for approval of the cost recovery for their 2021 Expanded Solar Access Program Plan regulatory asset account. NV Energy seeks a small rate increase to recover costs associated with the Expanded Solar Access Program (ESAP).

**Summary:** ESAP and prudent cost recovery is required by legislation (AB465) passed and signed into law in 2019. The proposed rate increase is noted. It may be in the City's interests to promote this program to eligible city residents. (It's a small cross-subsidization of all ratepayers to those eligible.) The costs associated with this program should also provide insight into cost trends associated with distributed solar generation, possibly of use to the City to explore adding additional solar generation to its own facilities to reduce kWhs and demand charges from NV Energy.

**Important Dates:** No notice filed yet.

**Affect Rates:** Yes.

**Recommended Action:** follow

### **Docket No. 22-03005**

**Date opened:** 03/01/2022

**Description:** Progress report on the Expanded Solar Access Program (ESAP) established to facilitate access to solar energy by lower-income Nevada residents, disadvantaged businesses, non-profit organizations.



**Summary:** This is a compliance filing due on or before March 1 of each year. Rates are still to be determined. Lower rates through this program are only available to low-income and other special categories of consumers.

**Important Dates:** No notice filed yet.

**Affect Rates:** Yes.

**Recommended Action:** Follow

**Docket No. 22-03006**

**Date opened:** 03/01/2022

**Description:** Joint Application of NVE for approval of the cost recovery of the regulatory assets relating to the development and implementation of their Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan.

**Summary:** This addresses how NVE, in each service territory, will seek cost recovery as to their Natural Disaster Protection Plan. A minor increase in electric rates is proposed. An appropriate disaster plan may also be of interest.

**Important Dates:** Comments or PLTI due on 3/30/2022.

**Affect Rates:** Yes.

**Recommended Action:** Follow.

**Docket No. 22-02002**

**Date opened:** 02/01/2022

**Description:** Joint Application of NV Energy for approval of annual plans for the Solar Energy Systems Incentive Program and its Energy Storage component, the Lower Income Solar Energy Program, the Wind Energy Systems Demonstration Program, the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program, and the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program for Program Year 2022-2023.

**Summary:** NVE is asking the PUCN to review within 150 days of this filing date. Intervenors include BCP, NGOE, NCARE/Sierra Club. Salient issues include electric vehicle charging infrastructure plans and electric vehicle incentives.

**Important Dates:** Pre-hearing conference held on 03/09/2022.

**Affect Rates:** No.

**Recommended Action:** Follow up with NGOE.