



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 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

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. 22-04022

Date opened: 04/19/2022

Description: Investigation regarding funding available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Summary: No filings yet. Possible interest to the City to give input into priorities of funding for renewable energy and related projects.

Important Dates: No notice filed yet.

Affect Rates: No.

Recommended Action: Determine whether participation is advantageous.

Docket No. 22-03028

Date opened: 04/19/2022

Description: Joint Application of NPC and SPPC for approval to merge into a single corporate entity, to transfer Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 685 Sub 20, 688, and 688 Sub 6 from SPPC to NPC, and to consolidate generation assets.

Summary: This is a long anticipated merger of the service territories post merger with Berkshire Hathaway. The application claims that little will change in the way of operations, rates, etc. The company will be known as Nevada Power.

Important Dates: Petition for Leave to Intervene due April 27th. Prehearing Conference is May 5th.

Affect Rates: NVE says no. Unknown how the rate structure will change to differentiate between north and south.

Recommended Action: Monitor.



Docket No. 22-03024

Date opened: 03/18/2022

Description: Joint Application of NPC and SPPC for approval of the first amendment to its 2021 Joint Integrated Resource Plan.

Summary: This is the first amendment to the 2021 IRP which seeks an additional battery storage project; a study on pumped hydro storage in White Pine County; several NG plant upgrades; and approval of a PPA with Ormat for the geothermal generation at the San Emidio plant in Washoe County.

Important Dates: Prehearing Conference is April 28.

Affect Rates: Yes.

Recommended Action: Monitor.

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. **Order granting Interventions of ChargePoint, Governor's Office of Energy and Nevadans for Clean Affordable Reliable Energy and Sierra Club issued; 2) Procedural Order issued - Procedural schedule and discovery processes adopted.**

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: **Ordered issued on 03/15/22**

Affect Rates: No.

Recommended Action: Follow up with NGOE.