



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 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.

SPPC filed a general rate case this month. Doug Cannon, President of NV Energy, is featured in a television ad warning of the rate increases. Rate increase to be in the 8%+ range.

Docket No. 22-06010

Date opened: 06/02/2022

Description: Petition of Staff to open an investigatory and rulemaking docket regarding the existence of electric customer-owned service ("COS") lines located in the service territories of NPC and SPPC, the safety and economic implications of having COS lines, and other issues related to utility facilities map accuracy.

Summary: Staff brings this to address safety concerns related to COS lines that NVE does not monitor in any fashion because they do not own them.

Important Dates: None yet. Petition filed.

Affect Rates: Unknown.

Recommended Action: Informational.



Docket No. 22-03045

Date opened: 03/31/2022

Description: Application of SPPC, filed under Advice Letter No. 654-E, to revise Electric Tariff No. 1 to modify Economic Development Rate Rider Schedule EDRR to conform to the revisions enacted by Senate Bill 448 (2021) and Docket No. 21-06037

Summary: Aligns the tariff with the regulatory changes required by SB448 as to the EDRR program.

Important Dates: Notice on file

Affect Rates: Yes - EDRR

Recommended Action: Informational.

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: Staff and BCP seek motion to require NVE to amend application. Prehearing Conference set for 08/08/22.

Affect Rates: NVE says no. Unknown how the rate structure will change to differentiate between north and south. Unknown how statutory dates on rate case can be complied with, given there is now one case for two service territories.

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. NVE has stated that there may be as many as four amendments this cycle.

Important Dates: **Hearing set for July 20th.**

Affect Rates: Yes.

Recommended Action: Monitor.



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: **Comments by public and Staff due 08/01/22**

Affect Rates: No.

Recommended Action: Determine whether participation is advantageous.

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: **Notice of Hearing set for 08/09/22 issued.**

Affect Rates: Yes.

Recommended Action: follow

Docket No. 22-03005

Date opened: 03/01/2022

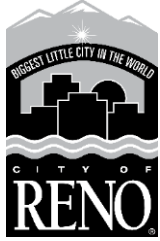
Description: Progress report on the Expanded Solar Access Program (ESAP) established to facilitate access to solar energy by lower-income Nevada residents, disadvantaged businesses, non-profit organizations.

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: **Procedural Order issued April 19, 2022 requiring additional information be added to the filing.**

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: Pre-hearing conference held June 16, 2022.

Affect Rates: Yes.

Recommended Action: Follow.