

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

**NOTICE OF ENERGY CHOICE INITIATIVE  
INVESTIGATION AND WORKSHOP**

Docket No. 17-10001

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) hereby provides notice to all members of the public and businesses that it has opened Docket No. 17-10001 to investigate issues of public importance regarding the pending Energy Choice Initiative and the possible restructuring of Nevada's energy industry.

This docket has been opened pursuant to a request by the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice (GCEC) through a letter to the PUCN dated September 27, 2017. The GCEC has requested that the PUCN initiate the investigation to study the following issues:

1. Prospective timeline for the implementation of the Initiative.
2. Amendments or repeals to any current Nevada laws, policies, or existing energy programs that may be necessary to establish an open and competitive electricity market in Nevada.
3. Options reasonably available to Nevada in designing and establishing a wholesale electric service market, including, but not limited to, reliance on existing bilateral markets; establishment of contractual relationships and possible governance structures with multi-state independent system operators (ISO); and/or regional transmission organizations (RTO).
4. Options reasonably available to Nevada in designing and establishing a competitive retail electric service market, including, but not limited to, relative pros and cons; the best practices and structure for Nevada; and options for a service provider of last resort.

The PUCN has the statutory jurisdiction and responsibility to supervise and regulate all public utilities in Nevada; to ensure that the public interest is always protected and served; to provide for rate stability and electric service reliability; to encourage effective businesses management and long-term planning; and to intervene in any matter which affects the development, transmission, use or cost of energy in Nevada. *See* NRS 703.150-.152, inclusive. In addition to the issues requested by the GCEC, the PUCN shall also investigate the following issue(s):

5. Potential short- and long-term financial benefits and risks to the residents and businesses of Nevada that may be associated with implementing the Initiative and the best strategies for maximizing any benefits (*e.g.*, savings) and mitigating any risks (*e.g.*, costs).

The PUCN takes notice that the Energy Choice Initiative was approved by Nevada voters in 2016, and the purpose of this investigation is not to measure or advocate for public approval or disapproval of the Initiative. Rather, the purpose of this investigation is to create a preliminary report to identify and discuss objective decision-points and facts based on stakeholder input that may help inform the residents of Nevada, policy-makers, the GCEC, the PUCN, and others going forward on how best to implement the Initiative, should it be approved again in 2018. The PUCN will create a record and accept input from interested stakeholders through written submissions and participation in publicly-held workshops.

This matter will be presided over by PUCN Chairman Joe Reynolds. Interested or affected persons or entities may submit written COMMENTS and any supporting materials at either of the PUCN's offices in Carson City or Las Vegas before 5:00 P.M. **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017**. Comments shall address any or all of the aforementioned issues numbered 1 through 5. Interested or affected persons may file written reply comments at either of the PUCN's offices before 5:00 P.M. on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017**.

Notice is also hereby given that the PUCN will schedule a WORKSHOP to begin at 10:00 A.M. on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**, at the following locations:

Hearing Room A  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

Hearing Room A  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250  
Las Vegas, NV 89148

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the written comments and/or reply comments submitted by interested or affected persons as directed by the Presiding Officer. All written or verbal comments shall be part of a public record. The workshop(s) will be transcribed by a court reporter and may be continued from day to day as necessary through January 2018.

The record of this matter will be on file and available for public viewing at the PUCN's website: <http://puc.nv.gov> and at the offices of the PUCN: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148. A person must request in writing to be placed on the service list for this proceeding to receive any further notices.

By the Commission,

  
TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

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