

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

LCB File No. R110-15

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Rulemaking to adopt regulations in accordance with)	
Senate Bill 87 of the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada)	
Legislature authorizing the Commission to modify)	Docket No. 15-06044
resource plans submitted by certain public utilities.)	
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION,
NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION,
AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF REGULATIONS OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) opened a rulemaking, designated as Docket No. 15-06044, to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 87 of the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada Legislature (“SB 87”) authorizing the Commission to modify resource plans submitted by certain public utilities.

The Commission conducts this rulemaking pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), Chapters 233B, 703 and 704, including but not limited to SB 87 and NRS 703.025, 703.150, 704.210.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public WORKSHOP to be held as follows:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016
1:00 P.M.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

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

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from all interested persons on the proposed regulation regarding the Commission's authority to modify resource plans submitted by certain public utilities. A period will be provided for comments by the general public and discussion of those comments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public HEARING to be held as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
11:00 A.M.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

Hearing Room A
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1150 East William Street
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The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons concerning the proposed regulation regarding the Commission's authority to modify resource plans submitted by certain public utilities. A period will be provided for comments by the general public and discussion of those comments. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed regulation appears at the hearing to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission may proceed to act upon any written submissions.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

The proposed regulation is required pursuant to SB 87 to define the process for modifying resource plans submitted by certain public utilities.

The proposed regulation may have potential immediate and long-term adverse effects on utilities, but these effects stem from the authorizing statute, SB 87, and not from the proposed regulation. Specifically, the proposed regulation allowing the Commission to modify the action plans and amendments to the action plans of certain utilities may require the utilities to expend additional resources to evaluate and gain approval of action plans in the future.

The proposed regulation allows the Commission to modify utilities' action plans, which may have a beneficial effect to the public if the regulation results in improved action plans with reduced costs. However, the regulation produces neither immediate nor long-term beneficial effects on the utilities affected by the regulation.

The Commission used the simplified Delphi method in determining the impact on small businesses, whereby experts review the text of the proposed regulations and determine the likely impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. These experts share their responses with each other and form a consensus view. The Commission found that the proposed regulation is not likely to impose a direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses, and is not likely to directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

There will be no additional cost to the Commission for the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any federal, state, or local regulation.

The proposed regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

The proposed regulation is not more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

The proposed regulation does not establish any new fee or increase an existing fee.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may appear at the scheduled workshop and hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Commission at 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 or 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148 on or before WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016.

A copy of this notice and the proposed regulation will be on file at the State Library, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the proposed regulation are on file and available for public viewing at the Commission's website at <http://puc.nv.gov>, the offices of the Commission at 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148, and, in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations (LCB File No. R110-15), which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary. This does not apply to a public body subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the Commission, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption or incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.060(1), the Presiding Officer in this matter anticipates placing the proposed regulation on a Commission Agenda no earlier than March 30, 2016, for the Commission's consideration as to whether to adopt the regulation as permanent.

By the Commission,

/s/
TRISHA OSBORNE,
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

2/10/2016

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