



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.805)

SUMMARY MINUTES

The second meeting of the Legislative Committee on Energy for the 2017–2018 Interim was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 2135, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

The agenda, minutes, meeting materials, and audio or video recording of the meeting are available on the Committee's [meeting page](#). The audio or video recording may also be found at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Granicus/>. Copies of the audio or video record can be obtained through the Publications Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (publications@lcb.state.nv.us or 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Kelvin D. Atkinson, Chair
Assemblyman Chris Brooks, Vice Chair
Senator Patricia (Pat) Spearman
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator James A. Settelmeyer

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division
Bryan Fernley, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Maria de la Luz Aguayo, Research Policy Assistant, Research Division
Julianne King, Research Policy Assistant, Research Division

Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.

AGENDA ITEM I—OPENING REMARKS

Chair Atkinson called the meeting to order.

He reminded members and the public to submit their public policy recommendations, either verbally or written, for possible consideration at the final meeting during the work session.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Barry Gold, member, Committee on Energy Choice, Office of Energy, Office of the Governor, said the general public has expressed a need for a robust education campaign on Ballot Question 3, the Energy Choice Initiative (ECI), from the 2016 General Election, for residential customers before the 2018 General Election.

Krystal Hosmer, Solar Consultant, Robco Electric, Las Vegas, shared the successes in the solar industry since the passing of Assembly Bill 405 (Chapter 589, *Statutes of Nevada 2017*).

Rudy Zamora, Program Director, Chispa Nevada, League of Conservation Voters, called attention to the 2017 Clean Energy Legislative Scorecard ([Agenda Item II](#)) and stated the coalition is dedicated to educating Nevada's voters about their state representatives' vote on clean energy issues. He added that reducing the use of polluting fossil fuels and transitioning to clean, renewable energy is critical for communities of color, such as Latino, African American, and Native American communities, who are more likely to suffer the effects of dirty energy pollution.

AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2018

MOTION: Senator Settelmeyer moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Brooks and passed. Assemblywoman Tolles was absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM IV—OVERVIEW OF WHOLESALE ENERGY MARKETS IN NEVADA

Carolyn Barbash, Vice President, Energy Market Policy, NV Energy, provided an overview of Nevada's wholesale energy market ([Agenda Item IV A](#)).

There was discussion concerning: (1) congestion revenue rights; (2) time and cost associated with the transmission capacity planning and permitting; and (3) transmission revenue requirements.

Scott P. Krantz, Director, Energy Management, Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), provided a brief overview of the SNWA ([Agenda Item IV B](#)).

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) cost and allocation of services provided by the Silver State Energy Association (SSEA); (2) governance and regulation of SSEA; (3) reliability standards; and (4) risk management policy and procedure.

AGENDA ITEM V—BRIEFING ON CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 813, 2017-2018 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH PROPOSES TO TRANSITION TO A MULTISTATE REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ORGANIZATION

(This agenda item was taken out of order.)

Stacy Crowley, Vice President, Regional and Federal Affairs, California Independent System Operator (ISO), provided an overview of California Assembly Bill 813 of the 2017–2018 Regular Session ([Agenda Item V A-1](#)), gave a briefing on how California plans to convert to a multistate regional transmission system organization ([Agenda Item V A-2](#)), and shared the principles for governance of a regional ISO ([Agenda Item V A-3](#)).

There was discussion regarding: (1) costs in establishing and operating an ISO; (2) national security issues; (3) other states interested in creating an ISO; and (4) participation in the real time market versus a wider regional market.

Assemblywoman Carlton requested more information regarding funds that are allocated to market services, operations, and congestion revenue rights, and Ms. Crowley offered to share the California ISO’s budget filings.

AGENDA ITEM VI—PRESENTATION ON ELIGIBLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 704B (“PROVIDERS OF NEW ELECTRIC RESOURCES”) OF THE *NEVADA REVISED STATUTES*

Hayley Williamson, Assistant General Counsel, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN), discussed the origin of Chapter 704B of NRS and its amendments.

Roman Borisov, Assistant General Counsel, PUCN, provided details regarding Switch’s application to exit NRS 704B (Docket 14-11007).

There was discussion concerning: (1) the calculation of megawatt peak loads; (2) new energy generation brought forth due to NRS 704B exits; (3) NRS 704B exit fees; and (4) NRS 704B exit timeframes.

Senator Spearman inquired about the role of the Legislature if the ECI were to pass during the 2018 General Election.

Ms. Williamson explained it would be up to the Legislature to determine how to implement the ECI and to interpret: (1) changes to NRS and the *Nevada Administrative Code*; (2) consumer protection issues and bills; and (3) wholesale and retail market questions. She added that whether the final decisions align with the *Nevada Constitution* is a question of constitutional interpretation for the Supreme Court of Nevada.

AGENDA ITEM VII—UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA INVESTIGATORY DOCKET 17-10001 RELATED TO THE ENERGY CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE OF 2016

Hayley Williamson, previously identified, called attention to the [*Energy Choice Initiative Final Report*](#) (Investigatory Docket 17-10001), dated April 2018, from the PUCN.

If the ECI were to pass during the 2018 General Election, Committee members brought forth concerns regarding: (1) how the net energy metering (NEM)/rooftop solar market will be affected; (2) the mitigation of costs; and (3) potential job losses and gains.

To clarify, Ms. Williamson and Roman Borisov, previously identified, called attention to some of the key findings listed on page 6 of the report, such as:

- At least 400 union electrical employees are likely to lose their jobs; however, PUCN speculates the ECI will also likely create new jobs;
- NEM/rooftop solar laws will likely be negatively affected by the ECI; and
- NV Energy will likely have to divest its generating assets and assign its long-term power purchase contracts to new owners, and ratepayers will remain liable for any financial losses incurred by NV Energy's stranded costs.

AGENDA ITEM VIII—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Atkinson called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

AGENDA ITEM IX—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED BY:

Senator Kelvin D. Atkinson, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item II	Rudy Zamora, Program Director, Chispa Nevada, League of Conservation Voters	2017 Clean Energy Legislative Scorecard
Agenda Item IV A	Carolyn Barbash, Vice President, Energy Market Policy, NV Energy	Presentation
Agenda Item IV B	Scott P. Krantz, Director, Energy Management, Southern Nevada Water Authority	Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation
Agenda Item V A-1	Stacey Crowley, Vice President, Regional and Federal Affairs, California Independent System Operator (CAISO)	California Assembly Bill 813, 2017–2018 Regular Session
Agenda Item V A-2	Stacey Crowley, Vice President, Regional and Federal Affairs, CAISO	Presentation
Agenda Item V A-3	Stacey Crowley, Vice President, Regional and Federal Affairs, CAISO	<i>Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO</i> , Docket 16-RGO-01

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