

**LCB File No. R012-00**

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

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

In Re Investigation of issues to be considered as a )  
Result of the restructuring of the electric industry )                      Docket No. 97-8001  
(pursuant to NRS 704.965 to 704.990, inclusive). )  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT REGULATIONS, REQUEST FOR  
COMMENTS, NOTICE OF WORKSHOP, AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
(METERING SERVICES)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) will hold a public WORKSHOP at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2000, at the office of the commission, 1150 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, in Hearing Room B, at which time interested persons may appear and be heard. The workshop may continue from day to day if necessary. At this time, the Commission has reserved the morning of Friday, February 11, 2000, for this workshop.

Prior to conducting the workshop, the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission will investigate the impact of the proposed regulation upon small businesses in accordance with NRS 233B.0608(1), and the Commission shall determine whether the proposed regulation is likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business, or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. If necessary pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(2), the Commission may take other actions, including the approval of a Small Business Impact Statement which would be made available at the workshop.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2000, at the office of the Commission, 1150 E. William Street, Carson city, Nevada 89701, in Hearing Room B, at which time interested persons may appear and be heard. This hearing may continue from day to day as necessary. At this time, the Commission has reserved the afternoon of Friday, February 11, 2000 for this hearing. The purpose of this

hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of a regulation that pertains to Chapter 704 of the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 233B.060:

The Commission is required to adopt a regulation pursuant to the provisions of NRS 704.965 to 704.990, inclusive, which provides for the restructuring of the electric industry, especially in regards to the competitive provision of electric services. At this time, the Commission proposes to adopt a regulation which implements a universal tariff for meter services. The proposed regulation is attached hereto and available upon request from the Commission. The universal tariff for meter services was issued by the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 97-8001, and includes standards and protocols for meter services, meter reading service, meter data management service, data quality, data exchange, meter products, and rules and procedures for validation, editing, and estimation. Copies of the tariff are available from the Commission upon request.

The provisions of the proposed regulation potentially affect all alternative sellers who provide electric services to end-use customers in Nevada, especially those that provide metering services (or their subcontractors for metering services), as well as all customers of such alternative sellers in Nevada. At this time the Commission cannot quantify either the adverse or beneficial economic effects on the entities affected by the regulation, either immediate or long-term, which may result from the regulation. No adverse economic effects, either immediate or long-term, are expected to inure to the public. The public may experience beneficial economic effects in that the provision of meter services will become standardized.

The Commission at this time does not envision any increased costs associated with enforcement of this proposed regulation. This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state or local government regulation, nor does it establish any new fee or increase an existing fee.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the Commission may appear at the public workshop and/or public hearing; or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Secretary of the Commission, 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or the Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Written submissions must be received by the Commission on or

before Friday, February 4, 2000. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions, including the adoption of the proposed regulation after the time period specified in NRS 233B.060(1).

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be adopted will be available at the Office of the Commission, 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or the Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101; 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 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 by the Commission.

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

This notice has been posted at the county courthouses located in Reno, Carson City, and Las Vegas.

By the Commission,

Crystal Reynolds /s/

CRYSTAL REYNOLDS, Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

1-18-00

(SEAL)

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA  
METER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE SELLERS

Draft - December 22, 1999

Docket No. 97-8001

**Section 1.** Chapter 704 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as Sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Section 2.** as used in Sections 2 to 6, inclusive of this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in section 4 of this regulation have the meanings ascribed to them in that section.

**Section 3.** The provisions of Sections 2 to 6, of this regulation, apply to all alternative sellers who provide electric services to end-use customers.

**Section 4.** “Metering Services Providers” means alternative sellers that provide:

1. End-Use Metering services including:
  - a. meter ownership which is the provision of the physical assets of the meter,
  - b. meter operation and maintenance which is the installation, testing, calibration and repair of metering equipment, and
  - c. meter reading which is the reading of meters for the purpose of billing customers. This service also includes performing meter check reads at the request of customers who are concerned that their meter was read in error; and
2. Meter Data Management Services.

**Section 5.** Each Meter Services Provider shall abide by terms and conditions of the universal meter services tariff issued pursuant to Docket No. 97-8001.

**Section 6.** An alternative seller that subcontracts for any metering services, including meter reading services or meter data management services, is responsible for ensuring that such subcontractor is:

1. A licensed alternative seller; and
2. provides such services pursuant to the universal meter services tariff.