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PUCN seeks comments on alternative solutions, including blockchain-based options, to track and certify Nevada portfolio energy credits

Carson City, Nev. – As part of a Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) investigation and rulemaking, the PUCN seeks comments regarding whether providers of electric service should be authorized to use alternative solutions, including blockchain-based options, to track and certify Nevada portfolio energy credits (PECs).

PECs are credits earned from a renewable energy generation or efficiency measures, which can be used to comply with renewable portfolio standards.

Comments regarding Docket 18-09008 may be filed at either of the PUCN offices in Carson City or Las Vegas by 2 p.m. April 15. Through a procedural order issued in this docket, the Commission has requested that comments address a range of questions such as: what are the available technologies or systems alternatives for tracking and certifying PECs, including but not limited to blockchain-based technologies (a distributed shared ledger technology for transactions) or other types of technologies or systems; the benefits that these technologies or systems could provide for tracking and certifying PECs; and the implementation timeframes and cost estimates for each technology or system alternative.

A workshop for Docket 18-09008 is scheduled Monday, May 6, beginning at 10 a.m. The workshop will be conducted at the Commission’s Las Vegas office and via video conference to its Carson City office.

The notice and procedural order regarding comments and the workshop for Docket 18-09008 are available on the PUCN’s website at puc.nv.gov. From the top navigational bar on the home page, select Dockets, followed by Investigation and Rulemaking Dockets. Scroll to Docket 18-09008 and click View.

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