

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV )  
Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy )  
for approval of tariff schedules and rates pursuant to Assembly ) Docket No. 17-07026  
Bill 405 (2017). )  
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**ORDER GRANTING VOTE SOLAR'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

The Presiding Officer makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. On July 28, 2017, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (together, NV Energy) filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) a Joint Application, designated as Docket No. 17-07026, for approval of tariff schedules and rates designed to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 405 (2017).
2. NV Energy filed this Joint Application pursuant to AB 405, the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), including but not limited to NRS 704.110 and NAC 703.535.
3. The Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission (Staff) participates as a matter of right pursuant to NRS 703.301.
4. On August 1, 2017, the PUCN issued a Notice of Joint Application for Approval of Tariff Schedules and Rates Pursuant to Assembly Bill 405 (2017) and Notice of Prehearing Conference.
5. On August 14, 2017, Vote Solar filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene (PLTI).

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**PLTI****Vote Solar's Position**

6. Vote Solar seeks to intervene in Docket No. 17-07026. Vote Solar is a non-profit grassroots organization working to fight climate change and foster economic opportunity by bringing solar energy into the mainstream. Vote Solar states that more than two of its members have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding as ratepayers in NV Energy's service territory. Vote Solar also asserts that NV Energy's proposals in this Docket will affect opportunities for growth of distributed solar generation in Nevada, including the rates available to Vote Solar members who are interested in net energy metering systems. (Vote Solar PLTI at 3-6.)

7. Furthermore, Vote Solar states that its mission is to bring solar energy to the mainstream and that it is "working to foster economic opportunity, promote energy security and fight climate change by making solar a mainstream energy source." Vote Solar contends that this proceeding will have a significant impact on these objectives. (*Id.* at 7.)

8. Vote Solar also asserts that it is authorized by its Bylaws to represent the interests of its members who receive residential electric service in state agency proceedings related to Vote Solar's purpose, including this proceeding. (*Id.* at 7-8.)

9. Vote Solar contends that its participation in this proceeding will not unduly broaden the issues because its participation would related directly to the issues raised by NV Energy's Joint Application. Therefore, Vote Solar wishes to participate fully in this proceeding. (*Id.* at 8.)

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**PUCN Discussion and Findings**

10. Pursuant to NAC 703.595(2), an association may be granted intervention if (a) the PLTI shows that two or more members of the association have a direct and substantial interest in the subject of the proceeding, or any part of it; (b) the association demonstrates, through its charter, a contract or some other document, that the purpose of the association is directly related to the subject of the proceeding and that the association is authorized to represent its members in the proceeding; and (c) the intervention would not unduly broaden the issues. NAC 703.580(2) provides that a person has a direct and substantial interest in a proceeding if the person claims an interest relating to the property or transaction which is the subject of the proceeding and the disposition of the proceeding will impair or impede the person's ability to protect that interest.

11. The Presiding Officer finds that more than two members of Vote Solar have a direct and substantial interest in this Docket because an approval of tariff schedules and rates pursuant to AB 405 would affect Vote Solar's members who are NV Energy ratepayers and would affect Vote Solar's solar energy objectives in Nevada.

12. The Presiding Officer finds that Vote Solar adequately demonstrates that its mission to bring solar energy to the mainstream is directly related to the subject of this proceeding, as evidenced by its mission statement in Exhibit B in its PLTI.

13. The Presiding Officer finds that Vote Solar adequately demonstrates that it is authorized to represent its members in this proceeding, as evidenced by Exhibit A in its PLTI.

14. The Presiding Officer finds that Vote Solar's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in this proceeding because Vote Solar's purpose for intervening is directly related to the subject matter of this Docket.

15. By enacting AB 405, the intent of the Nevada State Legislature and Governor Sandoval was to “provide for the *immediate* reestablishment of the rooftop solar market in [Nevada].” (Emphasis added) (Sec. 1 of AB 405, 79th Nevada Legislative Session (2017)). The Presiding Officer recognizes that the period of time for filing responses to Vote Solar’s PLTI pursuant to NAC 703.593 has not passed. However, given the urgency of the matters addressed in this Docket and the expedited hearing schedule, the Presiding Officer finds that there is good cause to grant Vote Solar’s PLTI to provide adequate time for Vote Solar to prepare for the upcoming proceedings.

16. Accordingly, the Presiding Officer finds that Vote Solar’s PLTI should be granted.


THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:

1. The Petition for Leave to Intervene for Vote Solar in Docket No. 17-07026 is GRANTED.

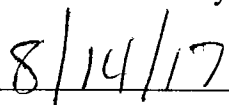
By the PUCN,



JOSEPH C. REYNOLDS,  
Chairman and Presiding Officer

Attest:   
TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

  
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