

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Investigation and Rulemaking to examine current )  
regulations governing Nevada’s Renewable Portfolio )  
Standard to determine whether providers of electric )  
service should be authorized to utilize alternative ) Docket No. 18-09008  
solutions, including, but not limited to, blockchain-based )  
solutions to track and certify Nevada portfolio energy )  
credits. )  
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**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3**

1. On September 26, 2018, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) opened an investigation and rulemaking to examine current regulations governing Nevada’s Renewable Portfolio Standard to determine whether providers of electric service should be authorized to utilize alternative solutions, including, but not limited to, blockchain-based solutions, to track and certify Nevada portfolio energy credits. This matter has been designated as Docket No. 18-09008.

2. This matter is conducted pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) Chapters 233B, 703, and 704, and may result in the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a permanent regulation of the Commission, including, but not limited to, NAC 704.8901 et seq.

3. The Regulatory Operations Staff (“Staff”) of the Commission participates as a matter of right pursuant to NRS 703.301.

4. On March 20, 2019, the Commission issued a Procedural Order and a Notice of Investigation and Rulemaking, Notice of Request for Comments, and Notice of Workshop.

5. On April 15, 2019, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (together, “NV Energy”), Staff, Blockchains LLC

(“Blockchains”), Energy Web Foundation, Filament, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc. (“M-RETS”), and Energy Blockchain Consortium filed comments.

6. On May 6, 2019, the Commission held a workshop. NV Energy, Staff, Energy Web Foundation, Blockchains, Filament, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”), and OAT-I appeared. The participants discussed the previously filed comments and next steps in this Docket.

7. On September 20, 2019, NV Energy, Energy Web Foundation, and Blockchains filed a letter proposing next steps to be contemplated in this Docket.

8. On June 4, 2020, the Commission issued Procedural Order No. 2 adopting a procedural schedule.

9. On July 15, 2020, NV Energy and Staff filed comments.

10. On September 18, 2020, Blockchains filed a letter to discuss progress and next steps contemplated in this Docket.

11. On October 2, 2020, NV Energy filed a letter informing the Commission and participants of updates to the service list.

### **Procedural Schedule**

12. The purpose of this Procedural Order is to elicit directed responses from interested participants. All interested participants are requested to file comments in accordance with this Procedural Order for the purposes of rulemaking and for discussion in the November 13, 2020, Workshop.

13. Interested and affected participants shall file **COMMENTS** responsive to the following inquiries on or before **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020, by 2:00 p.m.**

a. Regarding the Pilot Plan (“Pilot”) project to develop solutions for tracking and certifying Nevada portfolio energy credits, please identify the following:

- i. A description and status of the Pilot;
- ii. A summary of the Blockchain solutions contemplated in the Pilot;
- iii. Updates on the Pilot’s intended goals, objectives and anticipated costs;
- iv. A timeline for the completion of the Pilot and delivery of recommendations for next steps; and any other relevant information.

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THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 13 is ADOPTED.

By the Commission,



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C.J. MANTHE,  
Commissioner and Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

10/29/20

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