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Re: Docket No. 23-05015

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Please accept for filing the Bureau of Consumer Protection's Motion Regarding Nevada Power Company's Notice No. 23-02 in the above-referenced docket.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (702) 486-3793.

Sincerely,

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Notice of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy to adjust Base Tariff Energy Rates and and Deferred Energy Accounting rates effective July 1, 2023, and to deviate from the statutory calculation of the DEAA rate provided for in NRS 704 110(10)	) ) )	Docket No.	23-05015
NRS 704.110(10).	)		

# BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER REOPENING DOCKET NO. 23-05015 AND DIRECTING NEVADA POWER COMPANY TO AMEND ITS NOTICE FILING TO AN ADVICE LETTER FILING

COMES NOW, the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection ("BCP") and files this Motion pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") 703.550(1). BCP respectfully moves that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") issue an Order reopening Docket No. 23-05015 for the purpose of directing Nevada Power Company ("NPC") to amend its Notice No. 23-02 (Informational) filing to an Advice Letter filing.<sup>1</sup>

This affirmative action by the Commission is necessary because the utility is requesting to deviate from the statutory formulaic calculation of the deferred energy accounting adjustment ("DEAA") rate in Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 704.110(10).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A Motion is the proper pleading. While the Commission has closed Docket No. 23-05015, it has not been finally decided because the Commission has not yet approved the tariff schedules in the filing.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  NRS 704.110 Procedure for changing schedule: ...deferred energy accounting adjustments; ...

<sup>10.</sup> An electric utility shall adjust its rates on a quarterly basis based on changes in the electric utility's recorded costs of purchased fuel or purchased power. In addition to adjusting its rates on a quarterly basis, an electric utility may request approval from the Commission to make quarterly adjustments to its deferred energy accounting adjustment. The Commission shall approve or deny such a request not later than 120 days after the application is filed with the Commission. The Commission may approve the request if the Commission finds that approval of the request is in the public interest. If the Commission approves a request to make quarterly adjustments to the deferred energy accounting adjustment of an electric utility pursuant to this subsection, any quarterly adjustment to the deferred energy accounting adjustment must not exceed 0.25 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity. If the balance of the electric utility's deferred account varies by less than 5 percent from the electric utility's annual recorded costs for purchased fuel or purchased power

While NRS 704.110(15) allows the Commission to approve a request by a public utility to deviate from the statutory formulaic calculation of the DEAA rate in 704.110(10),3 such rate deviation must be done consistent with the legal process in NRS 704.100 to change a schedule to ensure that the Commission retains its statutory authority for proposed rate changes and to provide due process for the parties.4

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which are used to calculate quarterly rate adjustments, the deferred energy accounting adjustment must be set to zero cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity.

3 NRS 704.110 Procedure for changing schedule: ...deferred energy accounting adjustments; ...

The Commission may, upon request and for good cause shown, permit a public utility which purchases natural gas for resale or an electric utility to make a quarterly adjustment to its deferred energy accounting adjustment in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment pursuant to subsection 8 or 10.

- <sup>4</sup> NRS 704.100 Procedure for changing schedule: Approval of Commission required; filing application or letter of advice; quarterly rate adjustments for certain utilities; ...
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 704.075, 704.68861 to 704.68887, inclusive, 704.7865 and 704.7867, or as may otherwise be provided by the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.095, 704.097 or 704.7621:
  - (a) A public utility shall not make changes in any schedule, unless the public utility:
- (1) Files with the Commission an application to make the proposed changes and the Commission approves the proposed changes pursuant to NRS 704.110; or
- (2) Files the proposed changes with the Commission using a letter of advice in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (f) or (g).
- (b) A public utility shall adjust its rates on a quarterly basis between annual rate adjustment applications pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 704.110 based on changes in the public utility's recorded costs of natural gas purchased for resale.
- (c) An electric utility shall, between annual deferred energy accounting adjustment applications filed pursuant to NRS 704.187, adjust its rates on a quarterly basis pursuant to subsection 10 of NRS 704.110.
- (d) A public utility shall post copies of all proposed schedules and all new or amended schedules in the same offices and in substantially the same form, manner and places as required by NRS 704.070 for the posting of copies of schedules that are currently in force.
- (e) A public utility may not set forth as justification for a rate increase any items of expense or rate base that previously have been considered and disallowed by the Commission, unless those items are clearly identified in the application and new facts or considerations of policy for each item are advanced in the application to justify a reversal of the prior decision of the Commission.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g), if the proposed change in any schedule does not change any rate or will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue in an amount that does not exceed \$15,000:
- (1) The public utility may file the proposed change with the Commission using a letter of advice in lieu of filing an application; and
- (2) The Commission shall determine whether it should dispense with a hearing regarding the proposed change.
- $\rightarrow$  A letter of advice filed pursuant to this paragraph must include a certification by the attorney for the public utility or an affidavit by an authorized representative of the public utility that to the best of the signatory's knowledge, information and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry, the proposed change in schedule does not change any rate or result in an increase in the annual gross operating revenue of the public utility in an amount that exceeds \$15.000.

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BCP is supportive of summer rate relief for NPC's customers. NPC's filing shows a total per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") charge for single-family residential customers of \$0.16188. The average<sup>5</sup> NPC single-family residential customer uses approximately 2,330 kWh during the month of July based on public filings of NPC and the Financial Reports provided to BCP and the Commission's Regulatory Operations Staff ("Staff"). Hence, even with NPC's deviating from the statutory formulaic DEAA rate of \$0.02000 per kWh provided for in NRS 704.110(10) by proposing a deviated DEAA credit rate of \$(0.00574) per kWh pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), the average July bill (usage in July – billed received in August) will be \$409.12.7 However, without the rate relief in NPC's filing, the average July bill for a NPC single-family residential customer would be \$472.10.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> It is important to understand that average is the statistical mean. Some NPC single-family residential customers will consume less and some will consume more than 2,330 kWh during July with an average Las Vegas temperature of 95 degrees Fahrenheit for that month. Factors that determine if a customer consumes more or less kWh than average include: (1) square footage of home; (2) two-story vs, single-story home; (3) orientation of home, north-south uses less kWh than east-west; (4) location of home in Las Vegas Valley, homes in cooler, higher elevation Summerlin will use less kWh than homes in hotter, lower elevation East Las Vegas; (5) age of home, newer homes are built much more energy efficient than older homes; (6) efficiency of air conditioning, newer air conditioners, installed after 2015, are approximately 40% more efficient than those installed prior to 2006; and (7) the thermostat setting, which in Las Vegas should be set at 78 degrees or higher in the summer months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> NPC's 2021 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Form 1 shows that single-family residential customers used 14,473 kWh during calendar year 2021. NPC's 2021 Energy Information Administration ("EIA") Form 861-M shows that residential customers consumed 16.09 percent of their annual energy in the month of July. The actual 2021 annual kWh consumption of 14,473 times the actual percentage of energy consumed in July of 16.09 percent equals 2.328 kWh, which BCP rounds up to 2,330 kWh.

This calculation can also be verified by NPC's Financial Report for July 2021 which shows 515,648 singlefamily residential customers consumed 1,214,481 megawatt-hours ("MWH") during the month in the Revenue Analysis by Rate Schedule, which averages to 2.355 MWH  $(1,214,481 \div 515,648)$  or 2,355 kWh.

Likewise, NPC's Financial Report for July 2022 shows 510,747 single-family residential customers consumed 1,144,056 MWH, which averages to 2.240 MWH (1,144,056 ÷ 510,747) or 2,240 kWh. Given that July 2022 was much cooler - 876 cooling degree days - versus the average of 932 cooling degree days for the previous five Julys, BCP believes the kWh experienced in July 2021 is more likely to represent the kWh consumed in July 2023.

<sup>7 \$0.16188</sup> total rate - \$0.00039 UEC = \$0.16149 per kWh without UEC. 2,330 kWh X \$0.16149 = \$376.27. The addition of the basic service charge increases the bill to \$388.77 (\$376.27 + \$12.50). The 5% Franchise tax increases the bill to \$408.21 (\$388.77 X 1.05). The addition of the UEC adds \$0.91 (2,330 kWh X \$0.00039) to the bill for a total bill of \$409.12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> \$0.16188 total rate + 0.02574 deviation - \$0.00039 UEC = \$0.18723 per kWh without UEC. 2,330 kWh X \$0.18723 = \$436.25. The addition of the basic service charge increases the bill to \$448.75 (\$436.25 + \$12.50).

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Commission's statutory authority over the changing of rates – other than those which follow a statutory formulaic calculation; must provide for the due process rights of Staff, BCP, and other interveners to challenge the calculations or make recommendations germane to the filing; and must provide sufficient information such as the pros and cons to the ratepayers as to their proposal to allow the Commission to make a public interest determination to set just and reasonable rates. As explained in detail below, NPC's Notice filing fails to acknowledge the Commission's statutory authority over ratemaking and ignores the due process rights of Staff, BCP, and other interveners in ratemaking proceedings.

Nonetheless, the rate relief in NPC's Notice filing must comply with the

#### **ARGUMENT**

Α. NRS 704.110(15) does not allow a utility to unilaterally deviate from the formulaic calculation of the DEAA rate in NRS 704.110(10).

The Notice filing by NPC fails to acknowledge the Commission's ratemaking authority by unilaterally deviating from the formulaic calculation of the DEAA rate in NRS 704.110(10). There is nothing in NRS 704.110(15) that allows the utility to selfregulate the calculation of a deviated DEAA rate. A Notice filing does not provide the Commission with the final ratemaking authority, i.e., should the deviated DEAA rate calculation be higher or lower than that proposed by NPC. Should rate relief have been provided through a different statutory authority other than NRS 704.110(15), such as NRS 704.120(1)? Does good cause exist for the Commission to grant the rate deviation if the

NPC's customers need accurate information so they can plan accordingly, such as raising thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, to lessen their summer electric bills.

The 5% Franchise tax increases the bill to \$471.19 (\$448.75 X 1.05). The addition of the UEC adds \$0.91 (2.330 kWh X \$0.00039) to the bill for a total bill of \$472.10.

For the record, the average July bill of \$472.10, without deviation from the calculation of the DEAA rate, is consistent with BCP's testimony before the Nevada Legislature that BCP projected the average July bill to be \$470.04. [BCP Exhibit A for S.B. 356] BCP is perplexed that NPC represented to Channel 3 in Las Vegas that the average July bill for single-family residential customers was projected to be \$312.00. https://news3lv.com/news/local/nv-energy-bills-will-likely-surge-this-summer-by-how-much-is-debated#.

total rates paid by customers over time will actually be higher rather than lower with the deviation?

On this latter point, BCP is concerned that NPC is proposing credit DEAA rates when the DEAA balances have grown to nearly \$1 billion dollars as shown below. Refunding money to customers via a credit DEAA rate can be extremely risky when your DEAA accounts are under-collected by nearly \$1 billion dollars. Furthermore, the statutory DEAA rates of \$0.02000 and \$0.01750 per kWh shown on Line 16 of Table 1 for NPC's residential and non-residential customers are already well below the calculated DEAA rates of \$0.04575 and 0.04624 shown on Line 6 of Table 1.

Table 1

	Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy  Quarterly Deferred Energy Accounting Adjustment (DEAA) - Calculation  At March 31, 2023  Effective July 1, 2023									
	(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)		
<u>Ln</u>	Description	Exhibit Ref		Residential	Exhibit Ref	Non-Residential		Total	<u>Ln</u>	
1 2 3	Deferred Energy Balance at March 31, 2023	Pg 2, Col (n), Ln 41	\$	473,540,788	Pg 3, Col (n), Ln 41	\$ 498,821,190	\$	972,361,978	1 2 3	
4 5	kWh Sales (Billed and Unbilled)	Pg 4, Col (n), Ln 1		10,350,636,377	Pg 4, Col (n), Ln 2	10,788,595,217		21,139,231,594	4 5	
6 7	Calculated DEAA		\$	0.04575		\$ 0.04624			6 7	
8 9	Existing DEAA		\$	0.01750		\$ 0.01500			8 9	
11	Bandwidth			5%		5%			10 11	
13	Cost applicable to Bandwidth (1)	BTER, Col (b), Ln 69			BTER, Col (c), Ln 69	\$ 1,105,958,000	\$	2,164,907,000	12 13	
15	Rate Cap		\$			\$ 0.00250			14 15	
17	DEAA per kWh (2)	Pg 5 Formula	_	0.02000	Pg 5 Formula_	0.01750	•		16 17	
19	Increase (Decrease)	=	<u>\$</u>	0.00250	•	\$ 0.00250	:		18 19	
21	•	-	—	(0.00574)	-	(0.01264)	•		20 21	
23	Increase (Decrease)	;	\$	(0.02324)	=	\$ (0.02764)	:		22 23	
24 25	(1) Cost includes Fuel & Purchased Power, revenue ad out of period adjustments as applied to the BTER of								24 25	
26	(2) Rate calculation pursuant to NRS 704.110 (10)								26	
<b>27</b> //	<sup>(3)</sup> A waiver is requested persuant to NRS 704.110 (15	5) to adjust the pro	орс	osed rate in excess	of the maximum a	illowed.			27	

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Β. NRS 704.100 requires NPC to change a rate schedule via an application or advice letter with the exception of the statutory formulaic DEAA rate in NRS 704.110(10).

NPC's Notice filing is inconsistent with the procedures for changing a schedule in NRS 704.100. NRS 704.100(1)(c) recognizes the statutory formulaic DEAA rate calculation in NRS 704.110(10). However, NPC's calculation of the DEAA rate in its Notice filing is not pursuant to NRS 704.110(10), but instead pursuant to NRS 704.110(15). There is nothing in NRS 704.100 that exempts a public utility from filing an application or an advice letter to change the DEAA rate in a manner that is inconsistent with the statutory formulaic calculation in NRS 704.110(10).

Hence, NPC's filing must comply with NRS 704.100(1)(a). Given that the overall effect of NPC's proposed rates is a revenue decrease, BCP believes that NPC can refile its Notice filing as an Advice Letter filing. Therefore, BCP requests that the Commission issue an Order in this proceeding directing NPC to refile its Notice filing as an Advice Letter filing or as directed by the Commission to rectify procedural and statutory issues as time is of the essence.

#### C. The Notice filing creates a dangerous precedent for future filings that have DEAA rate increases that deviate from the statutory formulaic calculation.

While BCP supports providing rate relief for NPC's customers during the high kWh usage summer months when bills are at their highest, BCP does not support implementing a deviated DEAA rate that is inconsistent with statutory authority. If the present Commission does not act on NPC's Notice filing by reopening Docket No. 23-05015 and issuing an order requiring NPC to refile with an Advice Letter, then the utility can use this "precedent" in a future filing when it wants to unilaterally increase the DEAA rate above its statutory formulaic calculation. The proper statutory procedures for changing rates must be adhered to regardless if the change in rates is a decrease or an increase.

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D. BCP, Staff, and other interveners have not been given their due process rights to raise issues germane to NPC's filing.

NPC's Notice filing does not provide due process for Staff, BCP, and any other intervener who may want to challenge NPC's calculations. In fact, NPC provides absolutely no support for its deviated DEAA calculations so BCP can investigate whether it agrees with the calculation of the deviated DEAA rates. Also, BCP was not given an opportunity to argue that NPC should not be allowed carrying charges on any incremental DEAA balances that result from the deviated DEAA rate because NPC made the filing as an informational Notice filing rather than a contested rate filing. It is BCP's duty to represent the ratepayers of Nevada, but BCP cannot represent ratepayers if the Commission allows NPC to file a deviated DEAA rate as an informational Notice filing rather than a contested Advice Letter rate filing.9

Finally, BCP does not believe that NRS 704.110(15) is the statutory authority that should have been used to provide rate relief to NPC's customers. BCP is concerned that the credit DEAA rates proposed by NPC in Table 1 will require NPC to maintain credit DEAA rates through March 2024 for residential customers and through December 2024 for non-residential customers<sup>10</sup> – absent a subsequent deviated increase in the statutory

 $<sup>^{9}</sup>$  BCP recognizes that the proposed rates must be implemented by July 1, 2023 pursuant to NRS 704.110(11). Hence, it is imperative that the Commission act on BCP's Motion as soon as possible if NPC does not voluntarily correct its statutorily deficient filing. Regardless an expedited schedule will need to be adopted to implement the rates in a timely manner while at the same time providing for the thorough investigation of NPC's proposed rates required by NRS 704.110(1). This filing could have been handled much more administratively efficient if NPC had consulted with Staff and BCP prior to submitting their filing to the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Given the statutory cap of \$0.00250 per kWh in NRS 704.110(10), the proposed July DEAA credit rate of \$(0.00574) per kWh for residential customers can only increase to a credit rate of \$(0.00324) per kWh on October 1, 2023, then to a credit rate of \$(0.00074) per kWh on January 1, 2024, and finally to a debit rate of \$0.00176 per kWh on April 1, 2024.

finally to a debit rate of \$0.00236 per kWh on January 1, 2025.

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formulaic calculation of the DEAA rate in NRS 704.110(10) – at a time when NPC's combined DEAA balances are under-collected by nearly \$1 billion dollars. Given the uncertainty about future natural gas prices, it is extremely risky for NPC to be proposing credit DEAA rates that must remain credit DEAA rates pursuant to the statutory cap in NRS 704.110(1) for nine-months for the residential DEAA and 18-months for the nonresidential DEAA. This risk should be borne by the shareholders of NPC's direct and indirect holding companies, NV Energy, Inc. and Berkshire Hathaway Energy, rather than the captive ratepayers.

A potentially less risky proposal that could have resulted in comparable summer rate relief for NPC's customers would have been to not deviate from the statutory formulaic calculation of the DEAA rate in NRS 704.110(10), but to enact a temporary three-month fuel and purchased power rider credit rate of \$(0.03000) per kWh for both residential and non-residential customers pursuant to the Commission's authority in NRS 704.120(1).<sup>11</sup> BCP believes it is unreasonable for NPC's single-family residential customers to have average bills for July service of \$472.10 that the customers will experience absent any rate relief. One potential possibility for the Commission's consideration could be the Commission using the statutory authority in NRS 704.120(1) to substitute a reasonable rate – a three-month fuel and purchased power rider credit of \$(0.03000) per kWh<sup>12</sup> – that would provide summer rate relief from the unreasonable levels that NPC's fuel and purchased power rates have increased since January 2021.

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$  NRS 704.120 Commission may substitute just and reasonable rates, regulations, practices or services after investigation and hearing; exceptions.

<sup>1.</sup> If, upon any hearing and after due investigation, the rates, tolls, charges, schedules or joint rates shall be found to be unjust, unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or to be preferential, or otherwise in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the Commission shall have the power to fix and order substituted therefor such rate or rates, tolls, charges or schedules as shall be just and reasonable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> From August 2000 to April 2001, the Commission approved fuel and purchased power riders for NPC to recover increased wholesale energy costs during the Western Energy Crisis of 2000/2001. While the authority used for those riders was the specific authority in NRS 704.110(7) which is no longer an option for an electric utility, BCP believes that the general authority in NRS 704.120(1) could have also been used. See Docket Nos. 00-8012, 00-8021, 00-9026, 00-10026, 00-11034, 00-12020, 01-1014, and 01-2029.

This demonstrative alternative proposal is much less risky because it is only a temporary credit for three months as opposed to NPC's proposal that will lock-in credit DEAA rates for nine months for residential customers and 18 months for non-residential customers at a time when the DEAA balance is under-collected by nearly \$1 billion dollars. If NPC had consulted with Staff and BCP prior to making their filing, alternative proposals such as the above could have been discussed among the parties.

Nonetheless, BCP supports summer rate relief for NPC's customers to mitigate the unreasonable summer bills that NPC's customers will receive absent any rate relief. As Table 2 below shows, NPC's proposal, while extremely risky, will provide approximate \$591.6 [\$487,982,352 - \$(103,611,208)] million dollars of rate relief to NPC's customers compared to implementing statutory rates without any rate relief mechanism.

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**Table 2**<sup>13</sup> Increases in NPC's Purchased Fuel and Purchased Power Rates since January 2021

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NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV Energy									
Residential Customers									
Increases in Purchased Fuel & Purchased Power Rates since January 2021									
th	kWh sales	BTER	DEAA	Total	Annualized	DEAA			
uı	KWH SAICS	Change	Change	Change	Change	Balance			
Jan-21	10,176,770,856	0.00403	0.00219	0.00622	63,299,515	21,699,016			
Apr-21	10,476,631,172	-0.00031	0.00250	0.00219	22,943,822	29,030,035			
Jul-21	10,520,059,077	-0.00149	-0.00250	-0.00399	(41,975,036)	10,975,286			
Oct-21	10,690,826,249	0.00321	0.00250	0.00571	61,044,618	28,040,138			
Jan-22	10,656,852,611	0.00655	0.00250	0.00905	96,444,516	120,519,486			
Apr-22	10,415,346,377	0.00360	0.00250	0.00610	63,533,613	145,073,593			
Jul-22	10,413,665,214	0.00452	0.00250	0.00702	73,103,930	156,699,004			
Oct-22	10,218,199,319	0.00610	0.00250	0.00860	87,876,514	191,993,020			
Jan-23	10,103,400,699	0.01909	0.00250	0.02159	218,132,421	360,855,921			
Apr-23	10.299.679.887	-0.00030	0.00250	0.00220	22,659,296	337.926.009			

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Total Increase

	NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV Energy Residential Customers								
Inc	reases in Purchas	ed Fuel &	Purchased	Power Rate	s since January 2	021			
Month	kWh sales	BTER Change	DEAA Change	Total Change	Annualized Change	DEAA Balance			
Jan	21 10,176,770,856	0.00403	0.00219	0.00622	63,299,515	21,699,016			
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Total Increase

NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV Energy							
	Non-Residential Customers						
Increa	ses in Purchase	d Fuel & 1	Purchased	Power Rate	s since January 2	021	
Month	kWh sales	BTER	DEAA	Total	Annualized	DEAA	
Monn	KWII SaleS	Change	Change	Change	Change	Balance	
Jan-21	9,627,154,805	0.00311	0.00287	0.00598	57,570,386	424,075	
Apr-21	9,666,096,058	-0.00025	0.00000	-0.00025	(2,416,524)	10,065,389	
Jul-21	9,514,137,657	-0.00212	0.00000	-0.00212	(20,169,972)	(12,474,115)	
Oct-21	9,917,925,280	0.00269	0.00000	0.00269	26,679,219	5,059,255	
Jan-22	10,152,791,623	0.00537	0.00250	0.00787	79,902,470	79,597,090	
Apr-22	10,305,824,423	0.00475	0.00250	0.00725	74,717,227	127,976,614	
Jul-22	10,466,928,965	0.00595	0.00250	0.00845	88,445,550	153,589,072	
Oct-22	10,567,784,848	0.00575	0.00250	0.00825	87,184,225	193,713,251	
Jan-23	10,672,280,618	0.01466	0.00250	0.01716	183,136,335	342,553,788	
Apr-23	10,725,555,842	0.00000	0.00250	0.00250	26,813,890	316,529,243	
Jul-23	10,788,595,217	0.02291	-0.02764	-0.00473	(51,030,055)	498,821,190	
Total Increase		0.06282	-0.00977	0.05305 S	550,832,750		

	NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/2 NV Energy							
	Non-Residential Customers							
Increa	ses in Purchase	d Fuel &	Purchased	Power Rate	s since January 2	021		
Month	kWh sales	BTER	DEAA	Total	Annualized	DEAA		
MOINI	K will sales	Change	Change	Change	Change	Balance		
Jan-21	9,627,154,805	0.00311	0.00287	0.00598	57,570,386	424,075		
Apr-21	9,666,096,058	-0.00025	0.00000	-0.00025	(2,416,524)	10,065,389		
Jul-21	9,514,137,657	-0.00212	0.00000	-0.00212	(20,169,972)	(12,474,115		
Oct-21	9,917,925,280	0.00269	0.00000	0.00269	26,679,219	5,059,255		
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Jul-23	10,788,595,217	0.02291	0.00250	0.02541	274,138,204	498,821,190		
otal Increase		0.06282	0.02037	0.08319 S	876,001,010			

Increases in Purchased Fuel & Purchased Power Rates since January 2021								
Month	kWh sales	BTER	DEAA	Total	Annualized	DEAA		
MORE	K 11 32003	Change	Change	Change	Change	Balance		
Jan-21	19,803,925,661				120,869,900	22,123,091		
Apr-21	20,142,727,230				20,527,298	39,095,424		
Jul-21	20,034,196,734				(62,145,008)	(1,498,829		
Oct-21	20,608,751,529				87,723,837	33,099,393		
Jan-22	20,809,644,234				176,346,986	200,116,576		
Apr-22	20,721,170,800				138,250,840	273,050,207		
Jul-22	20,880,594,179				161,549,480	310,288,076		
Oct-22	20,785,984,167				175,060,739	385,706,271		
Jan-23	20,775,681,317				401,268,756	703,409,709		
Apr-23	21,025,235,729				49,473,185	654,455,252		
Jul-23	21,139,231,594				(103,611,288)	972,361,978		
otal Increase					\$ 1,165,314,727			

	NEVAD			NY d/b/a N	W Energy				
_	All Bundled Customers								
Increases in Purchased Fuel & Purchased Power Rates since January 2021									
Month	kWh sales	BTER Change	DEAA Change	Total Change	Annualized Change	DEAA Balance			
Jan-21	19,803,925,661				120,869,900	22,123,091			
Apr-21	20,142,727,230				20,527,298	39,095,424			
Jul-21	20,034,196,734				(62,145,008)	(1,498,829)			
Oct-21	20,608,751,529				87,723,837	33,099,393			
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Apr-23	21,025,235,729				49,473,185	654,455,252			
Jul-23	21,139,231,594				487,982,352	972,361,978			
Total Increase					\$ 1,756,908,367				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Sources: Docket Nos. 20-11014, 21-02013, 21-05014, 21-08005, 21-11014, 22-02019, 22-05016, 22-08011. 22-11019, 23-02017, and 23-05015.

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#### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, BCP moves the Commission to issue an Order reopening Docket No. 23-05015 for the purpose of directing Nevada Power Company ("NPC") to amend its Notice No. 23-02 (Informational) filing to an Advice Letter filing or as directed by the Commission to rectify procedural and statutory issues as time is of the essence. Given the fact that rates must be implemented by July 1, 2023 pursuant to NRS 704.110(11), BCP requests that the Commission issue an Order shortening the response time in NAC 703.555 from 5 to 3 business days. BCP will waive its right to file a reply to the responses to expedite action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted May 18, 2023.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 23-05015

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