

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE OF CONSUMER SESSION

Consumer sessions have been scheduled for:

Friday, January 13, 2006 at Noon

High Tech Center Building
Room 120
Elko Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

In case of inclement weather, the Elko Consumer Session will be video conferenced from Reno to Elko and will take place in the same room as above.

Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 6 p.m.

Airport Plaza Hotel
Aviation Ballroom
1981 Terminal Way
Reno, Nevada

The purpose of these sessions is to provide Sierra Pacific Power Company's northern Nevada electric customers and Reno–Sparks natural gas customers the opportunity to comment on the company's recent filings with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN).



On October 3, 2005, Sierra Pacific Power made its mandatory biennial General Rate Case filings for its electric customers. The company also filed its first natural gas General Rate Case since 1992. The filings seek to recover such operating costs as materials and supplies, labor and a return to the company's shareholders.

In addition to these consumer sessions, the PUCN has scheduled evidentiary hearings on these filings that will be held on the following days in the PUCN offices at 1150 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

February 21–22 — Cost of Capital

February 27–28 — Depreciation Studies

March 13–16 — Revenue Requirement

March 21–23 — Rate Design

Interested and affected persons may file comments in writing at the PUCN offices at the address above.

As a result of these hearings, the PUCN may grant Sierra Pacific Power changes in its electric and natural gas rates that are higher or lower than requested by the company in their filings. The PUCN's decision is expected to become effective May 1, 2006.



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