

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

### **NOTICE OF CONSUMER SESSION**

A consumer session has been scheduled for: **Tuesday, August 29, 2006, 5 p.m.**, Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center Aviation Room, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, NV 89502.

The purpose of this session is to provide Sierra Pacific Power Company's 142,000 natural gas customers and 407 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) customers an opportunity to comment on the company's recent filings.

On May 15, 2006 Sierra Pacific Power made its mandatory annual Natural Gas Deferred Energy filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN), requesting to increase rates to recover the increased costs of natural gas already purchased by the company to serve customers. The company also asked to set a new rate for the future to more accurately reflect the current costs of these energy supplies. These increases are on a dollar-for-dollar basis and do not reflect any profit to the company.

The Natural Gas Deferred Energy filing requests PUCN approval of an annual increase of \$19,947,487. If approved by the PUCN, the typical residential customer using 59 therms of gas would see their monthly bills increase from \$82.45 to \$90.71 or 10 percent, effective December 1, 2006.



Also on May 15, 2006, Sierra Pacific Power made its mandatory annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing with the PUCN, requesting to increase rates for LPG customers. The proposed increase is to recover the increased cost of LPG already purchased by the company to serve customers, plus set a new rate for the future to more accurately reflect the current cost of these energy supplies. These increases are on a dollar-for-dollar basis and so not reflect any profit to the company.

The LPG filing requests PUCN approval of an annual increase of \$132,636. The typical LPG customer using 49 therms of LPG would see their monthly bill increase from \$93.90 to \$122.04 or 30 percent effective December 1, 2006.

In a related matter, the PUCN has approved the company's request to extend the current deferred energy rates for both natural gas and propane for one month, until the new rates to be determined in this case become effective. The current rates were scheduled to terminate on October 31, 2006.

In addition to this consumer session, the PUCN has scheduled evidentiary hearings on these filings to commence on October 16 & 17, 2006 at:

PUCN Offices, 1150 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Interested persons who are unable to attend these sessions may send comments in writing to the PUCN at the office above.

As a result of these hearings, the PUCN may grant Sierra Pacific Power's requested rate changes or it may set rates that are higher or lower than those to become effective December 1, 2006.