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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Application of Nevada Power Company)
d/b/a NV Energy for authority to adjust)
its annual revenue requirement for) Docket No.: 25-02016
general rate charged to all classes of)
electric customers and for relief properly)
related thereto.)

COMMENTS

I understand that the figures quoted in this application filing, that they are not 'approved' and are subject to PUC approval. That doesn't negate the chutzpah and audacity of the company to even suggest them.

That is not going to stop me from expressing my comments and clarifying the errors that has been discovered.

Let me start with Samantha Prest Volume 11 of the application. In her resume she acknowledges that she has been with the company since she was a student intern from June 2015 to May 2017.

Here's the problem, she is clueless as to the opt out Dockets, She was still in high school when it started, as she only graduated in May of 2017 with a BSCE.

She has no CLUE as to what the TERMS & CONDITIONS that were associated with the NSMO and her 'recommendation' is nothing short of a violation of what the NSMO fee actually embraces.

If she would have learned to do some generic due diligence before making erroneous assumptions and proving how ignorant she is, she would see that distribution costs are NOT part of the opt out fee.

This 'EXTORTION' err, NSMO charge was STRICTLY ASSESSED upon those wishing to opt out for the EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANUAL READ!

We wanted NO CHARGE but the company's mantra was 'you want something that is not part of the roll out, you should NOT have all the other ratepayers who have accepted the smart meter to cover the costs for your manual readers.

The company made it clear to the PUC that the fee was comprised of ANY & ALL expenses associated with the vehicle operation, employee salary, gas etc. NOTHING TO DO WITH ACTUAL POWER, KWH , DISTRIBUTION, ETC

All of this is memorialized in the various consumer sessions, hearings, filings, workshops. Now, since Shawn who was the attorney who introduced this extortion and has just returned to NVE, maybe he needs to sit Sam down and explain why her 'invasion' into our assessment is invalid.

Just because we refused to be tracked, spied upon and rejected EMF radiation, coming up with a 'blanket' charge is unacceptable.

As this new 'extortion' fee is predicated on demand peak use, how is it FAIR & JUST? With this Common Core Rate of her's how does a 1,300 square foot house and a 4,000 square foot house have the 'SAME' peak demand in a 15 minute interval, that is worth \$29.60/mo up from \$8.82??

This one size fits all regarding the NSMO charge is arbitrary and capricious!

Since this involves all residents and small businesses, just how MANY are you going to force in CH 7? Businesses haven't recovered since the COVID FANASTY. Now, small mom and pop stores are working on slim profit margins. We have Trump adding massive tariffs and these businesses are going to have to either increase prices or start firing employees. Now, increasing overhead with demand peak charge at almost double the current kwh will make their businesses unsustainable. They can't increase prices to cover expenses, employees and make a living. SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Since not a single other power company in the country has enacted this upon all ratepayers as opposed to as an option.

On June 4th, at the 1pm consumer session, its beyond comprehension that during the introductions NO ONE has the ETHICS to fully explain the 'elimination' of the BSC. It was also omitted from the Notice of Consumer Session, who is the company paying off at PUC to not divulge the true nature of this 'benevolent' option? Only after learning where this was mentioned, again in Prest's testimony was it discovered that her proposal now incorporates income redistribution.

So lets look at this dichotomy. NVE REFUSED to allow the other ratepayers to pay for the opt out option, so we are shouldering it ourselves. Now, they want to take over WAIVING of the BSC for 30,000+ ratepayers and that's supposed to be FAIR & JUST?

Then there is the DELUSIONAL request to reimburse for BHE BOD expenses! Along with NPC employees who submitted expense reports for a conference here! \$19 for a BEER? Limo service at \$169/hr?

In Daniela Saunders testimony she provided as an exhibit a copy of NVE's Travel Protocol. Apparently, with the reimbursement requests it was never read.

So, spouses are potentially allowed? Then if they stay with a FRIEND/RELATIVE to save the Company hotel fees, they get a 'ATTA BOY' \$50! Food is another item that they also get an 'ATTA BOY'.

Lets discuss hiring of international attorneys with employees that number around 1,900. So in REAL companies' when reimbursement is requested, you provide back up!

SO submission of a 'FIGURE' refusal to provide a contract or actual billing statements, feigning it was 'private', then your payment should be 'PRIVATE'!

Then we have the \$500 million insurance 'SLUSH' fund in the event of a wildfire that they were responsible for. In speaking with a VP from NPC, he stated that they couldn't get insurance. When I challenged it and said I called Lloyds of London in England and they said they would cover NVE. Then the VP said that the premiums would be high. I HIGHLY doubt the premiums would be equal to \$500,000 million.

Doug Cannon was a ineffective, recluse of a president, who own came out when he was 'SURROUNDED' by those who held him in reverence. His spiff of \$123% that equals to more than his annual salary is 'obtaining money under false pretenses'.

Anything related to GreenLink, Green West is a stretch. What good is it, who is benefiting from it??

The balance of my comments are reflected in this press release.

Is NV Energy Trying to Bankrupt/Causing Heatstroke in Ratepayers?

Las Vegas, NV

Monday, June 9, 2025

On February 14, 2025, NV Energy (NVE), a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, submitted a General Rate Case (GRC) to the Nevada Public Utilities Commission (PUC), under Docket Number 25-02016.

In this GRC, NVE seized every opportunity to propose increases in the rates charged to consumers, asserting that there would be an 'offset' due to the reduction of another fee.

The state of Nevada has been enduring unusually high summer temperatures, rendering air-conditioning not merely a luxury, but rather a necessity for health and safety. The rising costs of rent, food, prescription medications, and energy are placing an untenable burden on residents. Individuals on fixed incomes, as well as those who are unemployed or disabled, are faced with the distressing dilemma of choosing between sustenance and air conditioning.

Despite existing regulations in Nevada that govern the termination of energy services due to non-payment, which stipulate that such terminations cannot occur during periods of extreme heat (defined as outside temperatures reaching 105° F or higher), the situation remains precarious. [1]

Once temperatures fall below this threshold, the outstanding charges become due, thereby imposing additional financial stress on ratepayers. There is now an alarming prospect that services may be terminated when temperatures are just below 105° F.

Certain health conditions—including migraines, Multiple Sclerosis, autoimmune diseases (such as Lupus and Rheumatoid Arthritis), Rosacea, Asthma, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)—are significantly exacerbated by elevated temperatures, particularly affecting the elderly and disabled populations. [2]

The recent proposed increases to the GRC rate are placing vulnerable demographics at a heightened risk for heat-related illnesses, such as heatstroke. It is quite easy for individuals to fall into the so-called 'donut hole' when it comes to accessing assistance.

Within the GRC, NVE is advocating for the waiving of the Basic Service Charge for low-income ratepayers (those at or below 150% of the poverty level), with the intention of redistributing these charges among other ratepayers. [3]

NVE seeks permission to implement a Peak Demand Rate billing program, an initiative that has yet to be adopted by any utility across the nation that impacts all ratepayers of a utility. Under this program, the highest energy usage recorded within a 15-minute interval would be multiplied by four to determine the hourly consumption, which would then be billed at a rate of \$0.19/kwh. This feature is only accessible for customers with Smart Meters. [3]

In 2014, NVE and the PUC established an 'opt-out' plan for those who opposed Smart Meters and preferred to retain their Legacy Analog Meters. This option was accompanied by an additional monthly fee of \$8.82. In the current GRC, NVE is now proposing to raise this fee to \$29.60 per month, citing the inability to monitor and impose penalties for excessive energy usage. [3]

NVE has acknowledged that this program is designed to compel ratepayers to modify their energy consumption in accordance with the utility's preferences.

NVE is requesting the PUC's approval for the establishment of a \$500 million self-insurance policy, intended to enhance NVE's wildfire liability insurance coverage, raising the total coverage to approximately \$1 billion. [4]

NVE has also approached the Nevada Legislature to obtain approval for the 'GreenLink' project, which aims to connect the state. The initial estimated cost for this project ranged from \$2.484 billion to \$4.239 billion, a figure anticipated to rise due to current tariff assessments. [4]

Construction cannot commence until NVE secures a permit from the PUC. In accordance with Nevada's Utility Environmental Protection Act, NVE has yet to submit the necessary Application to the PUC, which is required for filing. They have, however, filed an application with the US BLM but have yet to receive the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) or the Notice to Proceed (NTP). [4]

Additionally, in this GRC, NVE is requesting reimbursement for the following items:

- Costs associated with Berkshire Hathaway's Board of Directors expenses [5, 6]
- Reimbursement of the incentive paid to Doug Cannon [5]
- An increase in annual revenues by \$215.7 million, or 9.09% [5]
- An increase in the overall authorized rate of return from the current rate of 7.43% to 7.88% [5]
- An increase on the return on equity from the current rate of 9.5% to 10.25% [5]

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