

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER D/B/A NV ENERGY NOTICE OF CONSUMER SESSION AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) has scheduled a Consumer Session and Evidentiary Hearings on Sierra Pacific Power Company's Deferred Energy Rate Case (Docket Number 09-02031) as follows:

CONSUMER SESSION:

June 17, 2009 at 4 p.m.

**Reno Sparks Convention Center, Room A-3
4590 Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada**

EVIDENTIAL HEARING:

August 4-7, 2009, 10 a.m.

**Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
Hearing Room A**

**1150 East Williams Avenue
Carson City, NV 89701**

The purpose of the Consumer Session is to provide Sierra Pacific Power Company's 146,000 natural gas customers and 410 liquefied propane gas (LPG) customers an opportunity to comment on the company's recent filing with the PUCN to decrease its natural gas and LPG rates.

Additionally, some time at the session will be devoted to discussing current and volatile natural gas prices.

On February 27, 2009, Sierra Pacific Power made its mandatory annual Natural Gas and Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) Deferred Energy filing with the PUCN requesting approval to reduce its rates by \$8,733,851. The requested reduction results from a decrease in deferred natural gas and liquid propane expenses incurred during the period January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, (referred to as DEAA balance).



The company is requesting authority to make the rate change effective on October 1, 2009. The impact of this proposal would be a decrease of 4.71%.

If approved by the PUCN, the typical residential natural gas customer using 56 therms of gas would see their monthly bills decrease from \$73.00 to \$69.71, or \$3.29. The typical LPG customer using 48 therms of LPG would see their monthly bill decrease from \$63.50 to \$60.68, or \$2.82.

The company's application is available for public review at NVEnergy.com/rates/filings, or any Sierra Pacific Company office, or the Offices of the PUCN.

Interested persons who are unable to attend these sessions may send comments in writing to the PUCN offices at the address listed on the front panel.

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 October 1, 2009.

Rate Class	Monthly Percent Change	Monthly Increase/ Decrease
Residential (RNG)	-4.50%	(3.17)
Residential (LPG)	-4.48%	(3.01)
Commercial (LPG)	-4.80%	(9.69)
Small Commercial Natural Gas (SCNG)	-4.93%	(17.10)
Commercial Compressed Natural Gas (COMP)	-5.15%	(284.02)
Large Commercial Natural Gas (LCNG)	-5.38%	(808.95)
Incentive Natural Gas (INGR)	-5.08%	(475.24)
Totals	-4.71%	

