



Update from Nevada Joint CCPG–SSPG–SWAT Meeting

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State Issues

PUCN, Nevada State Office of Energy & Nevada Energy Assistance Corporation

- ▶ Nevada Renewable Energy Zones & Renewable Energy Conceptual Transmission Plan
- ▶ Energy Imbalance Market – PUCN Investigation
- ▶ Tax Abatements – NSOE
- ▶ Transmission Corridor Study – NEAC
- ▶ Valley Electric MOU with CAISO

- ▶ **Renewable Energy Zones & Renewable Energy Conceptual Transmission Plan**
 - Assembly Bill 387 (2009) required PUCN to identify REZ's and for NV Energy to include plans for transmission needed to meet RPS in its Integrated Resource Plans
 - PUCN adopted regulations in 2010
 - NV Energy received approval of its Renewable Energy Conceptual Transmission Plan

▶ **Energy Imbalance Market**

- PUCN opened a docket to investigate the concept of an energy imbalance market (Docket No. 11-04015)
- PUCN will issue an initial request for comments to obtain suggestions for the scope of the investigation as well as to allow interested parties to submit information
- PUCN will hold a series of workshops to gather additional information

▶ Tax Abatements – NSOE

- Property and Sales & Use Tax Abatements available for renewable energy projects (includes transmission for renewables)
- Property Tax Abatement = 55 percent for 20 years
- Sales & Use Tax Abatement = only 2.6 percent of tax
- NV Energy has applied for abatements for the One Nevada Line Transmission project

- ▶ **NEAC Study of Transmission Corridors**
 - NEAC is a 501(c)(3) created to facilitate the development of interstate transmission
 - Using stimulus funds to study 3 transmission corridors to benefit an export market
 - Northwest Corridor
 - East Corridor
 - South Corridor

▶ **Valley Electric signs MOU with CAISO**

- VEA approached the ISO early in 2011
 - VEA will become a PTO, UDC, and load-serving entity on January 1, 2013 (the “Transition Date”)
 - Initially via existing rights at Mead substation
 - Interconnection request with Edison at El Dorado
- ▶ **MOU addresses 3 primary areas:**
- Merger of the generator interconnection queues
 - Recognition of import rights for resource adequacy
 - Allocation of congestion revenue rights

QUESTIONS?

