

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**LCB File No. R146-09**

Effective January 28, 2010

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

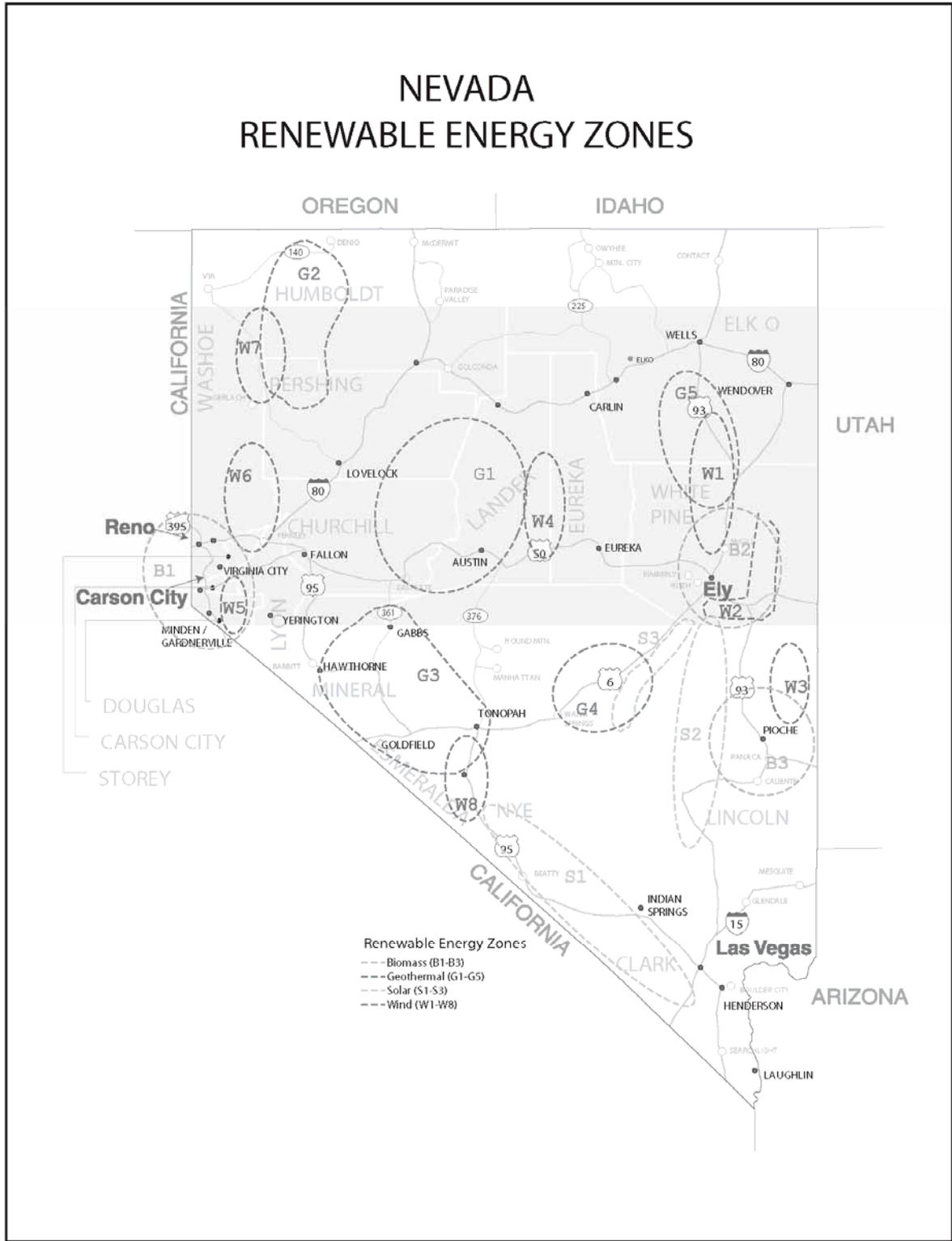
AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 703.025, 704.210 and 704.741.

A REGULATION relating to energy; designating renewable energy zones; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 704 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. The Commission designates as renewable energy zones those zones identified on the following map:*

# NEVADA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES



*2. A person may petition the Commission to request a revision to the designated renewable energy zones.*

*3. As used in this section, “renewable energy zones” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 704.741.*

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATION

The Public Utilities Commission adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R146-09, (Docket No. 09-07011) which pertain to chapter 704 of the Nevada Administrative Code on December 21, 2009. A copy of the regulations as adopted is attached.

### LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.066 LCB FILE NO. R146-09 (DOCKET NO. 09-07011)

The following informational statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 704.

**1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Copies of the proposed regulations, notice of intent to act upon the regulation and notice of workshop and hearing were sent by U.S. mail and email to persons who were known to have an interest in prescribing the form and substance of a standard net metering contract and tariff. These documents were also made available at the website of the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”), <http://pucweb1.state.nv.us/PUCN/>, mailed to all county libraries in Nevada, published in the following newspapers:

Elko Daily Free Press  
Las Vegas Review Journal  
Nevada Appeal  
Reno Gazette Journal  
Tonopah Times-Bonanza

and posted at the following locations:

Public Utilities Commission  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Public Utilities Commission  
101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

First Judicial District Court  
885 East Musser Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Second Judicial District Court  
75 Court Street  
Reno, NV 89501

Eighth Judicial District Court  
Regional Justice Center  
200 Lewis Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Participants discussed the most appropriate locations in the state of Nevada for designation as renewable energy zones, and the factors that made particular areas more or less desirable for designation as renewable energy zones.

Transcripts of the proceedings are available for review at the office of the PUC, 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

2. **The number of persons who:**
  - (a) **attended each hearing:** December 1, 2009 - 8
  - (b) **testified at each hearing:** December 1, 2009 - 8
  - (c) **submitted to the agency written comments:** 7
  
3. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public.

The summary may be obtained as instructed in the response to question #1.

4. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

The permanent regulations were adopted on December 21, 2009.

5. **The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:**
  - (a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects;**
  - (b) **Both immediate and long-term effects;**

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

No effects of the proposed regulations on small businesses are anticipated.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects:

See Item #5(a).

6. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.**

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of these regulations.

7. **A description of any regulation of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

These regulations do not overlap or duplicate any federal, state, or local regulations.

8. **If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

N/A

9. **If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

N/A

10. **If the proposed regulation is likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business? What methods did the agency use in determining the impact of the regulation on a small business?**

The PUC determined that the proposed regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. In making this determination, the PUC adopted the findings of the Regulatory Operations Staff, which conducted a Delphi Method exercise to determine the impacts. The Delphi Method is a systematic, interactive, forecasting method based on independent inputs of selected experts.