

NEW ENERGY INDUSTRY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to require a utility to offer net metering to customer-generators in a manner consistent with systems under NRS Chapter 704 as it existed before the enactment of Senate Bill 374 by the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature and notwithstanding any statute, rule, or determination of any kind by the PUCN to the contrary; provided that the customer-generator had an installed approved system or active NEM application on or before 12/31/15. For purpose of these sections, "active NEM application" means a completed net metering application time-stamped by the utility on or before 12/31/15. The grandfathered systems will be subject to the size of the solar system approved or outlined in the active application, will last for 25 continuous years, and remain with the home.
2. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to make changes to NRS 704.773, 774, and 775 for the next phase of net metering projects. This bill will consider ways to encourage the use of data, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and the viability of emerging energy technologies. Recommendation details will be identified by the conclusion of the NEITF.
3. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to amend Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), as set out in NRS 704.7801 to NRS 704.7828, including the following revisions:
 - The RPS should be increased, for example, to 50% by 2040
 - This increase would apply equally to investor-owned utilities as well as 704B customers, i.e. those customers that may seek to exit the system.
 - Any legislative adjustments necessary to ensure that Nevada renewable energy credits are regionally tradable
4. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to amend the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process, as set out in NRS 704.736, et seq., including the following revisions:
 - Establish preference in NRS 704.746 for measures to reduce demand and increase supply that provide the greatest economic and environmental benefits and the greatest opportunity for the creation of new jobs in the state.
 - Establish preference in NRS 704.746 for measures that diversify energy portfolios and reduce fuel-price and carbon-price risk.
 - Amend NRS 704.746 to provide for a broader pre-filing process and greater inclusion of all stakeholders.

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5. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to promote energy efficiency policies which would specifically:
 - Support legislation expressly giving the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) the authority, but not the mandate, to institute decoupling if found to be in the public interest.
 - Increase the amount in NRS 702.160 to 702.270 to allow for greater spending on weatherization of low-income households or change the program to facilitate the use of these funds by renters rather than homeowners.
6. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to support legislation enabling Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) as outlined in Senate Bill 150 of the 2015 legislative session.
7. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to implement, on an expedited basis, the outcome of the study being undertaken by the Governor's Office of Energy regarding Green Banks.
8. The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to delete the following energy statutes:
 - Eliminate NRS 704.701 through NRS 704.731, which deals with converting oil power plants to coal.
 - Eliminate NRS 704.7823, which deals with reverse polymerization of tires.