

### **Reasons for the Committee on Energy Choice's request for an investigatory docket**

1. Unlike an independent study, the investigatory docket will give all interested stakeholders the ability to engage in an open hearing/ workshop process through the PUCN resulting in a comprehensive product that has been developed from a wide array of diverse perspectives.
2. Lengthy information gathering process will ensure that all stakeholders have adequate time to prepare materials for consideration, submit them in advance of the hearing/ workshop process, and participate in workshop process.
3. The work of the PUCN will be a matter of public record and ensure transparency.
4. The technical experts at the PUCN would be able to take the information gained from the investigatory docket and assimilate it into a summary of findings which would be approved by the commissioners and submitted to the CEC – this information would give the committee a strong base from which to build their final recommendations to Governor Sandoval.

### **Review of potential timeline for the request**

1. **September 2017:** If the Committee on Energy Choice approves the investigatory docket request, staff for the committee would draft a letter to the PUCN from the Chairman of the CEC outlining the request as approved by the full committee. This would go out as soon as possible.
2. **September 2017:** The PUCN would then publicly notice the intent to open the docket and begin collecting information in advance of any workshops/ hearings.
3. **October 2017 – December 2017:** During this time period data would be collected and compiled in advance of the investigatory docket workshops/ hearings.
4. **January 2018 – February 2018:** Hearings/ workshops to be held at the PUCN
5. **March 2018 :** Final recommendations/ findings from the PUCN would be drafted and approved by Commissioners, then sent to the Committee on Energy Choice
6. **April 2018:** Technical Working Groups would take up the findings of the PUCN Investigatory Docket for consideration.

### **Review of issues considered for analysis in the request**

1. Develop timeline for implementation
  - a. What needs to occur first?
  - b. What are the long lead time issues?
2. Identify which programs/statutes need to be revised and how that should be accomplished
  - a. Low-income assistance
  - b. Renewable portfolio standards (RPS)

3. Market Structures:
  - a. Wholesale markets
    - i. Qualitative and quantitative analysis (to the degree possible) of the following options:
      - Existing bi-lateral market (is it sufficient)
      - Full participation in an existing ISO/RTO
      - Contractual relationship with ISO/RTO
      - Other options ???
4. Retail markets:
  - a. Qualitative analysis of existing competitive retail markets:
    - i. Relative pros/cons
    - ii. Identify best practices/structures for Nevada
    - iii. Provider of last resort options
5. Potential Costs:
  - a. Identify categories of costs:
    - i. Stranded assets
    - ii. ISO/RTO participation
    - iii. Regulatory oversight (PUCN and AG/BCP)
    - iv. market monitoring
    - v. metering/switching, etc)
  - b. To the degree possible, quantify costs; identify methodologies for determining costs:
6. Potential Benefits:
  - a. Identify categories of benefits:
  - b. To the degree possible, quantify benefits; identify methodologies for determining benefits
7. Treatment of existing and future 704B customers:
  - a. Can 704B customers be affected by retail competition (i.e. would they be subject to additional non-bypassable charges and exit fees?)
  - b. Does NRS 704B need to be modified to harmonize with legislation for retail competition?
8. Treatment of rural electric co-ops, municipalities, and PUDs

**Review of the potential anticipated costs to the PUCN associated with the CEC's request**

1. It is my understanding that the PUCN was granted their request for additional staff, so the past concerns associated with manpower and funding have been generally remedied
2. The additional costs of which we are aware are purely administrative and include items such as printing and a court recorder – those costs are expected to range from \$25k- \$35k
3. The Governor's Office of Energy has committed to cover the remaining administrative costs associated with the Investigatory Docket