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Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Docket #26-05007 - NV Energy 2026 Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Chair Williamson, Commissioner Cordova, and Commissioner Brown,

On behalf of consumer groups, community advocates, faith leaders, public health organizations, and environmental and clean energy proponents, please accept this letter regarding NV Energy's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The decisions made in this proceeding will shape Nevada's electricity system for decades and deeply influence affordability, reliability, economic development, and the state's clean energy future.

Nevada is experiencing unprecedented growth in electricity demand, and yesterday's planning approaches are no longer sufficient to meet tomorrow's energy needs. Proven customer programs and community-based energy solutions — including demand response, rooftop solar, and home battery storage — are reliable, flexible, and cost-effective resources that deserve a central role in meeting Nevada's growing energy needs.

As the Commission reviews this plan, we respectfully encourage you to evaluate the proposal while considering the following:

Carefully scrutinize projected demand growth. Forecasts of future electricity demand form the foundation of the IRP. Because many of the proposed investments are driven by projected growth from large new customers, including data centers, these forecasts must be realistic, transparent, and contractually obligated. Nevada customers should not bear the financial risk of infrastructure that may not be needed if projected demand does not materialize.

Support Nevada's clean energy resources. The proposed investments in solar, battery storage, and geothermal resources represent an important opportunity to meet growing electricity demand while supporting grid reliability, reducing fuel price risk, and advancing Nevada's clean energy goals. These resources are essential for lowering and stabilizing utility bills and for protecting public health and environmental quality.

Reject new gas generation projects. The Commission should not approve new methane gas-burning power plants. Approving additional gas generation could lock existing customers into decades of fuel price volatility and make it more difficult for NV Energy to comply with Nevada's bipartisan Renewable Portfolio Standard, as required by state law. Any evaluation of new gas generation should fully account for these long-term liabilities and ensure that the costs and fuel price risks associated with serving large new customers are not shifted onto Nevada families and small businesses.

Prioritize and expand customer-based energy solutions. Energy efficiency, demand response, rooftop solar, home battery storage, and other distributed energy resources (DERs), including virtual power plants for managing DERs, help reduce peak demand, improve reliability, and give customers greater control over their energy use. These highly flexible, customer-focused energy resources recognize customers as part of the solution and can be deployed faster and at lower cost than legacy power plant models, while giving customers the opportunity to invest in — and be compensated for strengthening — Nevada's electric system. The Commission should ensure these customer programs are treated as core resources for meeting Nevada's growing energy needs.

Most importantly, keep customers at the center of every decision. Every major investment approved through this IRP should protect Nevada families and small businesses from unnecessary costs while ensuring infrastructure investments are prudent, cost-effective, and fairly allocated. Existing customers must not subsidize energy systems built primarily to serve large new energy users, nor should they bear the long-term financial and climate risks associated with speculative demand growth or volatile fossil fuel prices. As Nevada grows, customers deserve clean, reliable, affordable electricity, while those driving the need for new infrastructure pay their fair share.

Nevada has an opportunity to build an electric system that is reliable, affordable, and increasingly powered by clean energy while putting customers at the center of every decision. We encourage the Commission to carefully evaluate the assumptions, risks, and long-term impacts of this plan and ensure the final IRP protects existing customers and makes progress toward Nevada's clean energy future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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