1	PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
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5	EXPLANATION
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11 12	AUTHORITY: §§1, 2, 4-6, 17 and 19-24, NRS 538.201; §§3, 7-16, 18 and 25-43, NRS 538.181 and 538.201.
13 14 15 16 17	A REGULATION relating to the Colorado River Commission of Nevada; revising provisions governing practice and procedure before the Commission; adopting provisions governing the allocation of certain power from the Boulder Canyon Project to new allottees; revising various provisions governing the marketing of electric power by the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
18 19	Section 1. Chapter 538 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation.
20 21 22	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 538.010 and section 3 of this regulation have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
23 24	Sec. 3. "Schedule D" means the schedule appearing at 43 U.S.C. § 619a(a)(2)(A) which specifies the amount of:
25	1. Contingent capacity of the Hoover power plant; and
26	2. Associated firm energy,
27	⇒ allocated in that schedule [to the Commission] for allocation to new allottees.
28	Sec. 4. A document is considered officially received by the Commission only if it is:
29	1. Delivered to the Commission's office in Las Vegas in person or by United States mail;

2. Presented to the Commission during a hearing;

- 3. Filed electronically through the Commission's website, if an electric filing system is available, and by United States mail; or
 - 4. Filed with Commission in any other manner directed by the Executive Director.
- Sec. 5. 1. The Commission will maintain a service list for each case for which a hearing [may] will be held.
- 2. A person may submit to the Executive Director a written request to be placed on the service list maintained by the Commission pursuant to subsection 1. If a person makes such a request, the Commission will send the person either copies or electronic mail notification of all notices and orders issued by the Commission or a presiding officer in the case to which the service list applies.
- 3. A person placed on the service list maintained by the Commission pursuant to subsection 1 is responsible for notifying the Executive Director in writing of any changes in the electronic or physical address contact information for that person.
- Sec. 6. 1. The Commission may appoint one or more presiding officers to preside over and conduct hearings or other proceedings, or any portion thereof, in any matter pending before the Commission. The Commission, in its discretion, may appoint an employee of the Commission or any other person to serve as a presiding officer.
- 2. If the Commission appoints a presiding officer to preside over and conduct any hearing or proceeding, within 30 days after the close of all evidentiary hearings in the matter, the presiding officer shall file with the Commission a [proposed] draft order that sets forth the findings and conclusions of the presiding officer and the reasons and bases for those findings and conclusions. The [proposed] draft order must be served promptly on each party of record.
- 3. Any party of record may file comments to the [proposed] draft order of a presiding officer. Any such comments must be filed with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the [proposed] draft order.
- 4. Upon review of a [proposed] draft order filed with the Commission by a presiding officer and any comments to the proposed draft order filed by a party of record, the Commission may affirm or modify the [decision] draft order, in whole or in part, remand the [proposed] draft order to the presiding officer for further proceedings or take any other just and reasonable action with regard to the [proposed] draft order, including, without limitation, replacing the [proposed] draft order with an order of the Commission.

2	Schedule D in accordance with this section.
3	2. The Commission's staff must prepare a draft order setting forth proposed criteria for the
4	allocation by the Commission of power designated in Schedule D. To prepare the draft order, the
5	Commission's staff must:
6	(a) Conduct a public meeting that complies with the provisions of chapters 241 and 538 of
7	NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation. In
8	addition to satisfying the requirements of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330,
9	inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation, the notice must:
10	(1) Describe the power designated in Schedule D for which allocation criteria is being
11	developed;
12	(2) Set forth the proposed criteria to be used by the Commission for the allocation of
13	power designated in Schedule D;
14	(3) Include a proposed form for applying for an allocation of power designated in
15	Schedule D;
16	(4) State that, at the public meeting, the Commission's staff will accept questions and
17	oral comments from persons attending the meeting; and
18	(5) State a deadline for the submission of written comments to the Commission's
19	staff.
20	(b) Consider written comments submitted to the Commission's staff on or before the deadline
21	for the submission of written comments and the questions and oral comments presented at the public
22	meeting.
23	3. After preparing the draft order described in subsection 2, the Commission's staff must:
24	(a) Serve a copy of the draft order on each person who submits:
25	(1) Written comments to the Commission's staff on or before the deadline for the
26	submission of written comments or submitted questions or oral comments at the public meeting
27	conducted pursuant to subsection 2.
28	(2) A request to the Executive Director to be included on a service list for proceedings
29	related to the development of criteria for the allocation of power designated in Schedule D.
30	(b) Post a copy of the draft order on the Commission's Internet website.

Sec. 7. 1. The Commission will develop criteria for the allocation of power designated in

1	4. The Commission will conduct a hearing and issue a decision on the draft order prepared by
2	the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 1. The hearing will be conducted, and the Commission's
3	decision issued, in accordance with the provisions of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to
4	538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation. In addition to satisfying the
5	requirements of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to
6	8, inclusive, of this regulation, the notice must include, without limitation, a copy of the draft order
7	prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 2.
8	5. The proceeding described in this section is not a contested case as defined in NRS
9	233B.032.
10	Sec. 8. 1. The Commission's staff must conduct a public meeting that complies with the
11	provisions of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8,
12	inclusive, of this regulation to discuss the process of allocating power designated in Schedule D and

(a) That applications for an allocation of power designated in Schedule D may be submitted
 after the public meeting;

accept questions and comments concerning that process. In addition to satisfying the requirements of

chapter 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of

- (b) A deadline for the submission of applications for an allocation of power designated in Schedule D; and
 - (c) That, at the public meeting, the Commission's staff will accept questions and oral comments from persons attending the meeting.
 - 2. After the public meeting conducted pursuant to subsection 1, a person who wishes to apply for an allocation of power designated in Schedule D may submit an application to the Commission's staff. The application must:
 - (a) Be on a form provided by the Commission.
- 26 (b) Set forth the applicant's full name and mailing address and any facts and exhibits required 27 by law.
 - (c) Be signed by the applicant.

this regulation, the notice must state:

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3. The Commission's staff must review [an] the applications submitted pursuant to subsection 2 and prepare a draft order containing a recommendation for the Commission's disposition of the applications. The Commission's staff must provide a copy of the draft order to the applicant. The

- applicant must file any comments on the draft order with the Commission within 30 days after the Commission's staff issues the draft order.
- 4. The Commission will conduct a hearing and issue a decision on the draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 3. The hearing will be conducted, and the Commission's decision issued, in accordance with the provisions of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation. In addition to satisfying the requirements of chapters 241 and 538 of NRS and NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation, the notice must include, without limitation, a copy of the draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 3.
- 5. After the issuance of the Commission's decision on the draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 3, the Commission's staff must advertise the notice required by subsection 4 of NRS 538.181. If the Commission receives an objection to its decision on the application within 10 days after the date of the last publication of the notice required by subsection 4 of NRS 538.181, the Commission will conduct a hearing on the objection not later than 30 days after the date of the last publication of the notice.
- 6. Except for a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection 5, the proceeding described in this section is not a contested case as defined in NRS 233B.032.
- 7. In the event that an applicant offered an allocation of Schedule D power from the Commission fails to enter into a contract with the Commission within 90 days, the Commission will reallocate the amount of power offered to that applicant to other applicant(s) at the Commission's discretion.
- Sec. 9. "Schedule A" means the schedule appearing at 43 U.S.C. \S 619a(a)(1)(A) which specifies the amount of:
 - 1. Contingent capacity of the Hoover power plant; and
- Associated firm energy,

- **⇒** allocated [to the Commission] in that schedule.
 - Sec. 10. "Schedule C" means the schedule appearing at 43 U.S.C § 619a(a)(1)(C) which specifies the priority of entitlement of the States of Arizona, California and Nevada to excess energy generated at the Hoover power plant.
 - Sec. 11. The Commission will allocate power designated in Schedule D in accordance with [the criteria developed pursuant to section 7 of this regulation and the provisions of section 8 of this

switchyard, Boulder City tap, Clark tie, Eastside substation, Mead substation or Newport substation];

1	3. Will receive power from the Commission over the facilities of an electric utility that is able
2	to maintain a ratio between "real power" in kilowatts and "apparent power" in kilovoltamperes
3	("power factor") within at least 95 percent, if called upon to do so, or is able to receive power over the
4	facilities of a utility that is able to maintain that ratio;
5	4. Will receive power from the Commission over the facilities of an electric utility that meets
6	the requirements for any program for integrated resource planning or a similar program, however
7	designated, set forth as a condition to the purchase of power by federal or state law;
8	5. Has an annual peak load of at least 1 megawatt;
9	6. Has load [Is] located within Western's defined marketing area in this State for [power
10	from] the Boulder Canyon Project; and
11	7. Complies with any other requirements imposed by the Commission.
12	Sec. 14. 1. The Commission will reallocate power that becomes available for reallocation
13	pursuant to NAC 538.440 and NAC 538.450 in accordance with the provisions of this section and to
14	achieve the greatest possible benefit to this State.
15	2. As soon as practicable after power becomes available for reallocation by the Commission
16	pursuant to NAC 538.440 and NAC 538.450, the Commission's staff must notify the public of the
17	availability of the power. The notice must:
18	(a) Describe the power to be allocated;
19	(b) Set forth the proposed criteria to be used by the Commission for the allocation of the
20	power;
21	(c) Include a proposed form for applying for an allocation of the power; and
22	(d) Set forth the dates during which applications may be submitted.
23	3. A person who wishes to apply for an allocation of power from the Commission pursuant to
24	this section must submit an application to the Commission's staff. The application must:
25	(a) Be on a form provided by the Commission.
26	(b) Set forth the applicant's full name and mailing address and any facts and exhibits required
27	by law.

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(c) Be signed by the applicant.

4. The Commission's staff must review [an] the applications submitted pursuant to subsection 3 and prepare a draft order containing a recommendation for the Commission's disposition of the applications. The Commission's staff must provide a copy of the draft order to the applicants. The applicant must file any comments on the draft order with the Commission within 30 days after the Commission's staff issues the draft order.

- 5. The Commission will conduct a hearing and issue a decision on the draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 4. The notice of the hearing must include, without limitation, a copy of the draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 4.
- 6. After the issuance of the Commission's decision on a draft order prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to subsection 4, the Commission's staff must advertise the notice required by subsection 4 of NRS 538.181. If the Commission receives an objection to its decision on the application within 10 days after the date of the last publication of the notice required by subsection 4 of NRS 538.181, the Commission will conduct a hearing on the objection not later than 30 days after the date of the last publication of the notice.
- 7. Except for a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection 6, the proceedings described in this section is not a contested case as defined in NRS 233B.032.
- 8. In the event that an applicant offered an allocation of power from the Commission fails to enter into a contract with the Commission pursuant to NAC 538.450, the Commission will reallocate the amount of power offered to that applicant to other applicant(s) at the Commission's discretion.
- Sec. 15. [Upon] Prior to the expiration of a contract for the delivery of long-term power from the Boulder Canyon Project designated in Schedule A or Schedule B pursuant to subsection 1 of NAC 538.500, the Commission will offer the Contractor a new contract [for the delivery of 95 percent of its existing allocation of power designated in Schedule A or Schedule B] for the period commencing on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2067.
- Sec. 16. 1. A contract for the delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project designated in Schedule A or Schedule B commencing on or after October 1, 2017, must include [a] provisions requiring the Contractor to [pay]:
 - (a) Pay a proportionate share of this State's contribution to the cost of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, as defined in section 9401 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11[-]; and
 - (b) Pay applicable tariff rates and charges pursuant to NRS 704.787(4)(a) if the Contractor obtains electric distribution services from an electric utility that primarily serves densely

1	populated counties, and is a customer of the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.787(1)(a)
2	and (b).
3	2. A contract for the delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project designated in
4	Schedule D commencing on or after October 1, 2017, must include [a] provisions requiring the new
5	allottee to:
6	(a) Pay a proportionate share of this State's contribution to the cost of the Lower Colorado
7	River Multi-Species Conservation Program, as defined in section 9401 of the Omnibus Public Land
8	Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11;
9	(b) Participate through the Commission in the Boulder Canyon Project Implementation
10	Agreement;
11	(c) Pay a pro rata share of Hoover Dam repayable advances required to be paid by
12	Contractors who entered into contracts for the delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project
13	before October 1, 2017; [and]
14	(d) Meet the requirements for any program for integrated resource planning or a similar
15	program, however designated, set forth as a condition to the purchase of power by federal or state
16	law, or receive[s] power from the Commission over the facilities of an electric utility that meets the
17	requirements for such program; and,
18	— [(d)](e) [Comply with the provisions of [NRS 704.787]
19	(e) Pay applicable fees, tariff rates and charges pursuant to NRS 704.787 (2), (3), and (4)(b) if
20	the Contractor is located in the service area of an electric utility that primarily serves densely
21	populated counties, is a customer of the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.787 (1)(c), and will receive
22	Schedule D at delivery points that are not [included in] served pursuant to an existing Distribution
23	Only Service agreement[-]; and
24	(f) Pay applicable tariff rates and charges pursuant to NRS 704.787 (4) $\frac{\{\{b\}\}}{(a)}$ on its Schedule
25	D allocation if the Contractor is located in the service area of an electric utility that primarily serves
26	densely populated counties, is a customer of the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.787 (1)(b), and will
27	receive Schedule D at delivery points that are [already included in] served pursuant to an existing
28	Distribution Only Service agreement[-], provided that the Contractor has not previously paid such
29	rates and charges.
30	Sec. 17. NAC 538.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
31	538.010 [As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,] "Commission" means
32	the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

1	Sec. 18. NAC 538.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2	538.075 1. The provisions of NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8,
3	inclusive, of this regulation govern all practice and procedure before the Commission.
4	The provisions of NAC 528 075 to 528 220 inclusive and sections 4 to 8 inclusive of this
4 5	2. The provisions of NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation apply to the allocation by the Commission of power designated in Schedule D for delivery
6	commencing on or after October 1, 2017.
Ü	commenting on or after october 1, 2017.
7	3. To the extent that any action before the Commission is not covered by the provisions of
8	NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation the Executive
9	Director may determine the proceedings to apply to the action, including, without limitation, the use
10	of workshops for rulemaking.
11	Sec. XX. NAC 538.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12	538.180 1. Upon the initiative of any interested person, [or of the Executive Director] a
13	complaint may be made alleging one or more causes of action based on [chapter] NRS 538.181(4) and
14	NRS 538.221. Facts constituting acts or omissions must be stated with such particularity as to enable
15	the respondent to prepare a defense to the Complaint.
16	1. All applicable statutes, regulations and orders of the Commission must be cited, together with
17	the dates on which the acts or omissions occurred.
18	2. If more than one cause of action is alleged, each cause of action must be stated and
19	numbered separately.
20	3. Two or more Complainants may join in one Complaint if their respective causes of action are
21	against the same person and deal with substantially the same violation of a statute, regulation or order
22	of the Commission.
23	4. Every Complaint must be in writing, signed and verified by the person making it, and filed
24	with the Commission.
25	5. A Complaint will be set for hearing at the earliest convenience of the Commission unless the
26	Commission receives notice of satisfaction of the Complaint.
27	Sec. 19. NAC 538.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
28	538.200 The <i>Chair of the Commission, the</i> Executive Director <i>or the presiding officer</i> may,
29	upon written notice to all parties of record, hold a prehearing conference to:
30	Formulate or simplify the issues;
31	2. Obtain admissions of fact and documents in order to avoid unnecessary proof;

3. Arrange for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared expert testimony;

2	testimony and consolidate the examination of witnesses;
3	5. Establish a procedure for the hearing; and
4 5	6. Consider any other matters which may promote orderly conduct and expedite the disposition of the proceedings or achieve a settlement.
6	Sec. 20. NAC 538.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 8 9	538.210 1. Hearings will be held before the Commission or its designated presiding officer. [A presiding officer may be a member of the Commission or a representative designated by the Commission to conduct a hearing.]
10	2. Notice of a hearing will be served at least 20 days before the time set for the hearing.
11 12	3. A hearing which has previously been continued may be reset on notice of not less than 10 days.
13	4. Hearings will be held at the time and place designated by the notice.
14	Sec. 21. NAC 538.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 16	538.290 1. The Commission's order or decision will be rendered within [90] 180 days after the completion of its hearing.
17 18	2. A proceeding stands submitted for decision by the Commission after the taking of evidence, the filing of briefs and the presentation of any oral argument permitted by the Commission.
19	Sec. 22. NAC 538.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:
20 21	538.300 1. Within 20 days after the Commission renders a decision or order [,] following a hearing, the aggrieved party may apply for a rehearing, setting forth the grounds for the petition.
22 23 24	2. The Commission will act upon such a petition within 30 days after the effective date of the order or decision upon which the rehearing is requested, but if the Commission does not take action on the petition within that time, the petition shall be deemed denied.
25 26	3. The Commission or presiding officer on his or her own motion may order a rehearing within 30 days after the rendering of the decision if a mistake, fraud or a misconception of facts led to the

4. [Limit] Identify and limit the number of witnesses, specify the subject matter of witnesses'

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original decision.

2	compliance with it or suspend its effectiveness unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.
3	Sec. 23. NAC 538.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 5 6	538.320 1. Any member of the public may petition the Commission for a declaratory order or an advisory opinion on the applicability of any statutory provision or [any] regulation within the jurisdiction of the Commission[or any decision of the Executive Director or Commission].
7	2. A petition for a declaratory order or an advisory opinion must be in writing.
8 9	3. The Commission will issue a declaratory order or render an advisory opinion in writing within 90 days after its receipt of the petition in proper form.
LO	Sec. 24. NAC 538.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:
l1 l2	538.330 1. A petition for the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of a regulation of the Commission must be in writing and be delivered to the offices of the Commission.
L3 L4 L5	2. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 1 will not be classified as a petition for the purposes of applying the procedures set forth in NAC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive, and sections 4 to 8 inclusive, of this regulation.
L6 L7	3. The Commission will send any statement denying such a petition or correspondence concerning the petition to the petitioner by certified mail.
18	Sec. 25. NAC 538.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:
19 20 21 22	538.340 As used in NAC 538.340 to 538.746, inclusive, <i>and sections 9 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation,</i> unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 538.350 to 538.390, inclusive, <i>and sections 3, 9 and 10 of this regulation</i> have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
23	Sec. 26. NAC 538.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:
24 25 26 27 28	538.410 An applicant [for an allocation of power from] seeking to contract with the Commission for the delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project designated in Schedule A, Schedule B or Schedule C commencing before October 1, 2017, or power from the Parker-Davis Project or the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects must supply information as requested by the Commission and must:
29	1. Be an entity to which the Commission is authorized by law to sell electricity or provide

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transmission service or distribution service, or both;

2 3 4	authorized by the Commission[,-including, without limitation, Amargosa substation, Basic substation, Boulder City switchyard, Boulder City tap, Clark tie, Eastside substation, Mead substation or Newport substation];
5 6	3. Be able to maintain a ratio between "real power" in kilowatts and "apparent power" in kilovoltamperes ("power factor") within at least 95 percent, if called upon to do so;
7 8	4. Meet the requirements for a program for integrated resource planning or a similar program, however designated, set forth as a condition to the purchase of power by:
9	(a) Regulations adopted by Western pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7276;
10	(b) Federal statute; or
11	(c) The Commission; and
12	5. If the applicant is an electric utility:
13	(a) Have a [principal] load that:
14	(1) Has a peak demand of at least 8 megawatts; and
15 16 17	(2) Is located within Western's <i>defined</i> marketing area in this State for [power from] the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Southern Division of the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects; and
18 19 20	(b) Be qualified to receive preference power under the applicable provisions of federal law relating to preference power when applying for electric power from the Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects.
21	Sec. 27. NAC 538.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
22 23 24	538.420 1. Power from the Boulder Canyon Project, <i>the</i> [and] Parker-Davis Project <i>and the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects</i> will be marketed by the Commission during [two] <i>the</i> seasons [as follows:
25 26 27	(a) The summer season for any calendar year is the 7-month period beginning the first day of the Commission's billing period for March and continuing through the last day of its billing period for September.

2. Be able to receive energy from one or more of the [Commission's] points of delivery [,]

1	(b) The winter season for any calendar year is the 5-month period beginning the first day of the
2	Commission's billing period for October and continuing through the last day of its billing period for
3	February in the next succeeding calendar year.] defined by Western.
4	[2. Power from the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects will be marketed by the Commission
5	during the following seasons:
6	(a) The summer season for any calendar year is the 6-month period beginning the first day of
7	the Commission's billing period for April and continuing through the last day of its billing period for
8	September.
9	(b) The winter season for any calendar year is the 6-month period beginning the first day of the
10	Commission's billing period for October and continuing through the last day of its billing period for
11	March of the next succeeding calendar year.]
12	Sec. 28. NAC 538.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13	538.440 If a [c]Contractor loses or surrenders its entitlement to power allocated to it by the
14	Commission pursuant to NAC 538.340 to 538.670, inclusive, and sections 9 to 16, inclusive, of this
15	regulation, the Commission will reallocate that power in the manner provided in [those provisions.]
16	section 14 of this regulation.
17	Sec. 29. NAC 538.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18	538.450 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7 of section 8, [1] if an entity that has
19	been offered an allocation of power from the Commission fails, within fareasonable time as determined
20	by the Commission,] 90 days after being offered the allocation of power, to enter into a contract with
21	the Commission in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the Commission, the Commission
22	will reallocate the amount of power offered to that entity in the manner provided in [NAC 538.340 to
23	538.670, inclusive.] section 14 of this regulation.
24	[2. If, for any reason other than the reasons set forth in subsection 1, power from the Boulder
25	Canyon Project which is designated in Schedule D becomes available for allocation by the Commission,
26	the Commission will allocate the amount of power available pursuant to section 11 of this regulation.]
27	Sec. 30. NAC 538.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:
28	538.460 [1.] Each [e]Contractor must meet the minimum recommendation for reserves set
29	by the Western [Systems] Electricity Coordinating Council [.
30	2. If there is a reduction in capacity from the Hoover power plant, each contractor may supply
31	its own needs for capacity.] unless the Contractor receives power from the Commission over the

- facilities of a utility that meets the minimum recommendation for reserves set by the Western 2 **Electricity Coordinating Council.**
 - **Sec. 31.** NAC 538.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 538.500 1. Contracts for the delivery of long-term power from the Boulder Canyon Project allocated under NAC 538.340 to 538.740, inclusive, and sections 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, inclusive, of this regulation for the period ending on September 30, 2017, become effective on the day they are executed and expire on the last day of the billing period for September 2017, unless terminated before that date by the [c] Contractor or the Commission in accordance with the terms of the contract.
 - 2. Contracts for the delivery of long-term power from the Boulder Canyon Project allocated under NAC 538.340 to 538.740, inclusive, and sections 9 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation for the period commencing on October 1, 2017[, and ending on September 30, 2067,] become effective on the day they are executed and expire on the day specified in the contract, unless terminated before that date by the Contractor or the Commission in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Commission will determine the term of each contract for the delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project for a term of less than 50 years commencing on or after October 1, 2017.
 - 3. Contracts for the delivery of long-term power from the Parker-Davis Project allocated under NAC 538.340 to 538.740, inclusive, and sections 9 [,10, 14, 15 and] through 16, inclusive, of this regulation become effective on the day they are executed and expire on the last day of the billing period for September 2028, unless terminated before that date by the [c]Contractor or the Commission in accordance with the terms of the contract.
 - [3.] 4. Contracts for the delivery of long-term power from the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects allocated under NAC 538.340 to 538.740, inclusive, and sections 9 [,10, 14, 15 and] through 16, inclusive, of this regulation become effective on the first day of the billing period for October 1989 and expire on the last day of the billing period for September 2024, unless terminated before that date by the [c]Contractor or the Commission in accordance with the terms of the contract.
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- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the term of contracts for short-term power will be determined by the Executive Director of the Commission for each contract.
- 15. The Commission will, upon the expiration of a contract described in subsection 1, offer to the contractor the right to renew the contract. This right is subject to the conditions set forth in subsection 7 of NRS 538.181 and the terms for such renewal provided in the contract.
 - **Sec. 32.** NAC 538.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1	538.540 [1. [No retail] A contractor that [contracts with] purchases power provided by the
2	Commission [for power] [from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area
3	Integrated Projects] for its own use may resell [any of] that power. [.] [with the prior approval of the
4	Commission.]
5	[2]1. [No] A [c]Contractor, that is not an electric utility, that purchases power provided by
6	the Commission from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area
7	Integrated Projects may not share, resell, pool, [or] lease or change the point of use of that power
8	without the prior approval of the Commission. The Commission may approve the sharing, reselling,
9	pooling, [or] leasing or changing the point of use of power pursuant to this subsection for a term of
10	not more than 3 years.
11	[3]2. An electric utility that contracts with the Commission for power from the [Boulder
12	Canyon Project] Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects:
13	(a) Must receive that power at a location in this State which is within Western's defined
14	marketing area for the project.
15	(b) [may resell any of that power [outside of] within its service area without with the prior
16	approval of the Commission.]
17	(b) May not resell that power outside the State or outside Western's defined marketing area
18	for the project without the prior approval of the Commission.
19	(c) May resell that power to serve customers in its service area, within this state and within
20	Western's defined marketing area, without seeking the approval of the Commisison.
21	[3. The Nevada Power Company]
22	[4]3. An electric utility that contracts with the Commission for power from the Boulder
23	Canyon Project:
24	(a) Must use the full power resource available to them, including energy, capacity, and the
25	dynamic signal and other ancillary services, and pass through to its customers located within
26	Western's defined marketing area, the [full] economic benefits of [that power] the energy, capacity,
27	and dynamic signal and other ancillary services utilized by the customers, except as provided in
28	subsection 4, and shall provide information demonstrating compliance with this requirement upon
29	request of the Commission.
30	[(a) Must receive that power at a location in this State within Western's Boulder Canyon Project
31	marketing area.

2	[5]4. [NV Energy, Inc.,] Nevada Power Company shall pass through to its residential class of
3	ratepayers located within Western's [Boulder Canyon Project] defined marketing area for the Boulder
4	Canyon Project the [full] [economic] economic benefits of power from Schedule A and Schedule B.
5	Sec. 33. NAC 538.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6	538.560 Except as otherwise provided in this section, if, for 3 consecutive operating years, a
7	[retail customer] Contractor does not use the full allocation of power made available to it by the
8	Commission [,] [at its designated delivery point], the Commission, after notifying the [e] Contractor, may
9	reduce its allocation to that [c] Contractor to the extent of the [c] Contractor's failure to use that full
10	allocation. A reduction will not be made if the [c]Contractor's failure to use that full allocation is caused
11	by the implementation of a program for integrated resource planning or a similar program, however
12	designated, described in NAC 538.530 and approved for the [c] Contractor by Western or the
13	Commission.
14	Sec. 34. NAC 538.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15	538.570 1. A [c]Contractor that is not a utility that purchases power provided by the
16	Commission for its own use shall provide the Commission with meter data and other information
17	necessary for the provision and billing of electric service by:
18	(a) Using suitable equipment for metering power [allocated] delivered to it [pursuant to NAC
19	538.340 to 538.740, inclusive, to provide data as required] by the [Executive Director of the]
20	Commission [-
21	2. The equipment for metering must be installed at the contractor's designated points for
22	measuring and must be maintained, tested and repaired as required by the Executive Director of the
23	Commission.] that meets all applicable standards of the electric utility industry; or such other
24	standards as may be approved by the Executive Director; or
25	(b) Obtaining interconnection to the [Commission's] transmission system through an electric
26	distribution provider that has metering which [has entered into an interconnection agreement with the
27	Commission before October 1, 2017, and that] meets all applicable standards of the electric utility
28	industry [and any] or such other standards as may be approved by the Executive Director.
29	2. Upon the request of the Commission's staff and at any time specified by the Commission's
30	staff, a Contractor must provide the Commission's staff with such revenue quality meter data as may
31	be required by the Executive Director.

(b) May resell that power within its service area with the prior approval of the Commission.]

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- 3. Upon the request of the Commission's staff and at any time specified by the Commission's staff, a Contractor that is not a utility that purchases power provided by the Commission for its own use must provide the Commission's staff with immediate physical access to the metering equipment used by the Contractor to measure the-Contractor's load for the purposes of inspection and
- [3] 4. The Executive Director of the Commission shall provide for the [full adjustment] just resolution of claims between the Commission and a [c]Contractor arising from the inaccuracy of a
- [4] 5. On or before September 30, 2017, each Contractor that obtains all of its electric power from the Commission must provide the Commission with the ability to physically disconnect the Contractor's power for failure to pay a power invoice from the Commission in a timely manner, without adversely impacting the delivery of power to other Contractors.
- **Sec. 35.** NAC 538.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 538.590 1. The capacity and energy available to the [c] Contractors for each month by the Commission will be shown by an annual report or by exhibits to the contracts for power from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects.
- 2. Scheduling and accounting procedures will be established by the Commission to adjust for any variations between the contractual energy available for delivery and the actual deliveries.
- 3. If requested by the [c] Contractor, the Commission, in preparing the exhibits, will endeavor to approximate that [c]Contractor's seasonal and monthly pattern of usage of energy. The extent to which the Commission is able to accommodate these patterns is contingent upon the monthly availability of energy.
- 4. The Commission will, in the contracts for power from the Boulder Canyon Project, allow for a reduction in capacity due to loss of head or flow or to outages of generating units or other factors. Such a reduction will be apportioned by the Commission among the [c]Contractors for capacity from the Boulder Canyon Project. The Commission will not discriminate between the capacity designated in Schedule A, [at 43 U.S.C. § 619a(a)(1)(A) and] Schedule B and Schedule D in apportioning the shortages. The pro rata share of any [c] Contractor is the proportion its capacity bears to the total capacity available under [Schedules] Schedule A [and], Schedule B [.] and Schedule D.
 - **Sec. 36.** NAC 538.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 538.610 1. The rates or charges payable by a [c] Contractor to the Commission for capacity or energy from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects

and for wheeling energy from the Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects must be Western's effective rates or charges for those resources. These rates or charges, the Commission's administrative charge and any other costs associated with the contracted resource will be shown by a periodic report or by exhibits to the contracts for power from these projects. These rates, charges and costs may vary due to changing conditions. Some rates or charges may be estimated for a portion of an operating year with an adjustment, for the months the estimate is used, in the month the actual rate or charge is established.

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- 2. At the time the Commission is notified by Western of any change in the rates or charges, the Commission will notify its [c] Contractors of the change.
- 3. The administrative charge is based on a projection for 2 years of all costs for the Commission's operations relating to the <code>[c]Contractors</code>. Those estimated costs are divided by the total estimated number of kilowatt-hours of all energy, including both hydroelectric and nonhydroelectric, to be delivered to <code>[c]Contractors</code> to arrive at a rate per kilowatt-hour. <code>[The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the administrative charge may be increased or decreased after the Commission notifies the <code>[c]Contractors</code> of the grounds for the increase or decrease <code>[..] and the effective date of the increase or decrease, which must be not less than 90 days after the Commission sends the notice of the increase or decrease.</code></code>
- 4. The Commission may utilize the expedited procedure set forth in this subsection to increase or otherwise revise the administrative charge Hif actual revenue from the administrative charge is [30] 70 percent or less than the amount of revenue projected [when the amount of the administrative charge was determined, the Commission will review and consider whether to increase the administrative charge] in accordance with subsection 3. Commission staff may develop a proposed increase or other revision to the charge and notify Contractors in writing of the proposed [increase] change at least 30 days prior to the Commission meeting at which it [the proposed increase] will be considered. This notice shall include a statement of the amount of, and the grounds for, the proposed implementation date, and the date of the Commission meeting at which the Commission will make a determination on the proposed increase or revision. The Commission will accept written comments from Contractors regarding the proposed increase or other revision submitted no later than 15 days prior to the Commission meeting. The Commission will review the administrative charge change [increase] proposed by staff, and any comments submitted by Contractors, and any other relevant information, in its [and consider] determination of whether to increase or otherwise revise the administrative charge. [Not later than 60 days before the effective date of a proposed increase in the administrative charge as a result of a review conducted pursuant to this subsection, the Commission will notify the contractors of the proposed increase, the effective date of the proposed increase and the grounds for the increase. A contractor may submit to the Commission comments concerning a proposed increase in the administrative charge pursuant to this subsection and, after reviewing the comments and

1 any other relevant information, the Commission may increase or otherwise review the administrative 2 charge.] 3 5. As soon as practicable, a Contractor planning, projecting or experiencing a decrease in its 4 load of 30 percent or more for 90, consecutive day or more, in any 12 month period, shall notify the 5 Commission of the decrease in its load. 6 **Sec. 37.** NAC 538.620 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 538.620 1. The Commission, in cooperation with the [c]Contractor, will establish scheduling, 8 fand accounting and delivery procedures [based upon standard practices of utilities.] for the receipt of 9 power from the Commission that meet the needs of the Contractor. These procedures must be set 10 forth in an agreement approved by the Executive Director of the Commission. 11 2. Deliveries of power from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project or Salt Lake City 12 Area Integrated Projects will be scheduled by the Commission in advance in accordance with the 13 procedures set forth in separate scheduling instructions which will provide for schedules to meet the 14 needs of day-to-day or hour-by-hour operations. The instructions must include procedures for 15 determining amounts of power from the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project and Salt Lake City 16 Area Integrated Projects delivered to the [c]Contractor at each point of delivery and procedures for 17 delivery of losses. The procedures must also specify the conditions under which actual deliveries, which 18 are greater or less than scheduled deliveries during the month of a particular season, will be adjusted in 19 later deliveries in subsequent months of that season. 20 **Sec. 38.** NAC 538.650 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21 538.650 1. The points of delivery and voltages for [the] Western's defined marketing area 22 for the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects are: 23 Location Kilovolts **Boulder Canyon Project**

Mead substation

Mead substation

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Location	Kilovolts
Parker-Davis Project	
Amargosa substation	138.0
Clark tie	230.0
Henderson substation	230.0
Mead substation	230.0
Location	Kilovolts
Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects	
Amargosa substation	138.0
Boulder City tap	230.0
Clark tie	230.0
Henderson substation	230.0
Mead substation	230.0
Pinnacle Peak/Rogers substation	230.0

2. Delivery will be made at designated points on Western's "Parker-Davis Project Southern Nevada Facilities" at rates of delivery not to exceed the available capability of the facilities. The designated points of delivery and Western's "Parker-Davis Project Southern Nevada Facilities" may be modified as required.

3. The designation of a point of delivery does not imply any obligation on the Commission's part to furnish additional facilities or to increase the capabilities of transmission or of the transformer at the designated points. Each [c] Contractor must obtain the permission of the Commission for any modification to existing facilities and alternate or additional points of delivery. Requests for taps on

- Western's "Parker-Davis Project Southern Nevada Facilities" will be considered by the Commission
 individually.
 - 4. Any cost associated with obtaining points of delivery or voltage at other than those set forth in subsection 1 is the obligation of the [c] Contractor.
 - 5. Power from the Boulder Canyon Project will be delivered at the Mead substation. If a [c]Contractor cannot accept delivery of power from the Boulder Canyon Project at the Mead substation, arrangements for transmission service to other points of delivery are the obligation of the [c]Contractor.
 - [6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commission may designate any other points of delivery and voltages for points of delivery for the marketing area for the Boulder Canyon Project, Parker-Davis Project and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects.]
 - Sec. 39. NAC 538.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 538.690 1. Pool 1 consists of a total of [377,000] 392,239 kilowatts of capacity and [1,057,989,000] 1,032,202,000 kilowatt-hours of energy from the following sources of the Boulder Canyon Project:

Schedule A		Schedule B		Schedule D	
Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)
[189,000	645,989,000	188,000	412,000,000]	11,510	25,113,000
190.869	613.689.000	189.860	391.400.000		

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2. **[This resource]** The resource specified for Schedule A and Schedule B is reserved for allocation to the named entities as follows:

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Hoover Capacity and Energy

Contractors Schedule A Schedule B

Capacity (KW) Energy (KWH) Capacity (KW) Energy (KWH)

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Contractors	Schedule A		Schedule B	
	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)
[American Pacific Corp.	10,625	49,952,389	θ	0
Basic Water Co.	4,827	9,738,148	θ	θ
Boulder City	θ	0	8,500	17,870,400
Chemical Lime Co.	382	2,164,033	θ	θ
Lincoln County Power District No.				
1	4,828	20,726,814	21,339	77,521,529
Nevada Power Company	100,232	240,098,311	135,000	283,824,000
Overton Power District No. 5	6,507	27,936,142	13,007	20,946,270
Southern Nevada Water Authority	15,207	75,200,137	0	θ
Titanium Metals Corp.	21,397	113,070,710	θ	θ
Tronox LLC	17,649	75,561,510	θ	θ
Valley Electric Association	7,346	31,540,806	10,154	11,837,801
Totals	189,000	645,989,000	188,000	4 12,000,000 }
American Pacific Corp.	10,730	47,454,729	0	0
Basic Water Co.	4,874	9,251,239	0	0
Boulder City	0	0	8,584	16,976,897
Chemical Lime Co.	386	2,055,858	0	0
Lincoln County Power District No.	4,876	19,690,457	21,550	73,645,433

Hoover Capacity and Energy

Contractors	Schedule A		Schedule B	
	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)	Capacity (KW)	Energy (KWH)
[NV Energy, Inc.] Nevada Power Company	101,223	228,093,166	136,336	269,632,798
Overton Power District No. 5	6,571	26,539,288	13,136	19,898,972
Southern Nevada Water Authority	15,357	71,440,089	0	0
Titanium Metals Corp.	21,609	107,417,054	0	0
Tronox LLC	17,824	71,783,386	0	0
Valley Electric Association	7,419	29,963,734	10,254	11,245,900
Totals	190,869	613,689,000	189,860	391,400,000

3. The resource specified for Schedule D is reserved for allocation to new allottees as follows:

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5 **Sec. 40.** NAC 538.744 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2	cash working capital fund or prepay for power pursuant to this section.
3	2. During October in each operating year, and at any other time it deems necessary, the
4	Commission will conduct a review to determine the creditworthiness of each of its [c] Contractors. [-
5	except:
6	(a) A federal or state agency or political subdivision; and
7	(b) NV Energy, Inc., and any other entity regularly engaged in the business of buying and selling
8	electric power.]
9	[2] 3. After [a] the creditworthiness review conducted pursuant to subsection 1, the
10	Commission will establish the amount of collateral which a Contractor is required to furnish and
11	prescribe the manner in which the [c] Contractor is required to furnish that collateral pursuant to its
12	contracts with the Commission. In no case will the amount of collateral established by the Commission
13	be less than one-fourth of the [c]Contractor's gross annual purchases. The Commission shall not apply
14	such collateral requirements to:
15	(a) A federal or state agency or political subdivision; and
16	(b) The Nevada Power Company, and any other entity regularly engaged in the business of
17	buying and selling electric power.
18	[3] 4. In addition to the collateral required under subsection 3 above, the Commission may
19	require [a] Contractors to make payments to a cash working capital fund established by the
20	Commission or prepay for power purchased from the Commission in accordance with requirements
21	established by the Commission, or both, as deemed necessary by the Commission to reflect the results
22	of the creditworthiness review, implement sound risk management policies and protect the financial
23	health of the Commission and this State.
24	[4]5. If a [c]Contractor does not provide and maintain the full amount of the collateral
25	required [,] by subsection [2]3 or make payments to a cash working capital fund as required by the
26	Commission pursuant to subsection [3]4, the Commission may, in addition to its other remedies and in
27	the course of its normal invoicing, bill the [c]Contractor for an amount necessary to furnish [a cash] the
28	<i>required</i> collateral <i>or fund working capital</i> within a period established by the Commission, but not to
29	exceed 6 months.
30	[4.][5] 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of NAC 538.340 to 538.746, inclusive, and
31	sections 9 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation, if a Contractor fails to provide and maintain the full
32	amount of required collateral within the period authorized by the Commission, fails to make payments

- to a cash working capital fund as required by the Commission or fails to comply in a timely manner with any prepayment requirements established by the Commission pursuant to subsection [3]4, the Commission may at any time require a [c]Contractor to furnish within 30 days after written demand collateral in an amount that is greater than the minimum amount set forth in subsection [2]3, additional payments to a cash working fund or additional prepayments, as may be necessary to protect the State of Nevada from any loss that it might suffer as a result of the [c]Contractor's breach of any covenant or condition of any contract with the Commission. That amount of the collateral which is greater than the minimum amount set forth in subsection [2]3 will be calculated on any rational and appropriate basis as determined by the Commission.
 - [5.][6] 7. As used in this section:

- (a) "Date of review" means the date in any operating year on which the Commission establishes the amount of collateral a [c] Contractor must furnish pursuant to its contracts with the Commission.
- (b) "Gross annual purchases" means the total amount of a [c] Contractor's actual purchases of power, transmission and other related services, if any, under all its contracts with the Commission, invoiced by the Commission during the test period.
- (c) "Test period" means the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the month containing the date of review.
 - **Sec. 41.** NAC 538.746 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 538.746 1. If a [c] Contractor fails or refuses to perform any of its obligations under any of its contracts with the Commission, including, without limitation, any agreement confirming the purchase of supplemental power from any source, and the Executive Director determines that the failure or refusal may expose the Commission to [significant] liability [,] or expose this State to financial risk, the Executive Director shall provide written notice of the nonperformance to the [c] Contractor.
- 2. If the [c] Contractor fails or refuses to cure the nonperformance within 15 days after the date of the written notice, the [Commission] Executive Director may, after [notifying] giving 3 days' notice in writing to the [c] Contractor, suspend the [c] Contractor's allocation of hydroelectric power under NAC 538.340 to 538.746, inclusive, and sections 9 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation and discontinue furnishing electric service specified in its contracts with the [c] Contractor pending any further action taken by the Commission pursuant to this section.
- 3. After the suspension of the Contractor's allocation of hydroelectric power pursuant to subsection 2, the Executive Director may reallocate the power to any other Contractor or-Contractors on a short-term basis. A-Contractor receiving an allocation of power pursuant to this subsection shall

	omply with all terms and conditions applicable to that power under the contract between the ommission and the Contractor whose allocation was suspended.
W	4. Within 30 days after the suspension of the [c]Contractor's allocation of hydroelectric power, ne [c]Contractor may petition the Commission for the reinstatement of the allocation. The Commission will hold a hearing on the petition within 10 days after providing notice of the hearing as required by AC 538.075 to 538.330, inclusive [-
_	4.] , and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation.
te	5. If the [c] Contractor fails to file a petition for reinstatement in a timely manner or if, after a earing on such a petition, the Commission denies the petition, the Commission may permanently erminate the [c] Contractor's allocation of hydroelectric power and permanently discontinue electric ervice to the [c] Contractor.
tŀ	[5.] 6. Upon the permanent termination of a [e]Contractor's allocation of hydroelectric power, ne Commission will reallocate the hydroelectric power [as authorized by law.
	6.] pursuant to NAC 538.450 and section 14 of this regulation.
fc	7. This section does not preclude the Commission from pursuing at any time any other remedy or breach of contract that is available to the Commission.
	Sec. 42. NAC 538.490 and 538.580 are hereby repealed.
b [,]	Sec. 43. 1. This section and sections 1 to 38, inclusive, 40, 41 and 42 of this regulation ecome effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.
	2. Section 39 of this regulation becomes effective on October 1, 2017.
	TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS
	538.490 General rule. (NRS 538.181, 538.201) The terms and conditions set forth in NAC 38.500 to 538.570, inclusive, for contracts for power are not subject to change during the contractual eriod.

538.580 General rule. (NRS 538.181, 538.201) The contractual provisions set forth in NAC 538.590 to 538.670, inclusive, are subject to change as necessary throughout the contractual period.