

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

RESOLUTION calling for the elimination of the penalty rate for electricity charged for non-curtailment of irrigation activities by agricultural users to irrigate crops.

Whereas, the Counties of Nevada recognize the importance of agricultural activities within the State, and

Whereas, agriculture in Nevada produces many products needed by the citizens of the State, and

Whereas, agricultural concerns and the industries that support them are vital to the economies of Nevada's counties, and

Whereas, the profit margin for agricultural operations is often razor thin and subject to many variables, and

Whereas, agricultural users are charged for electricity used for irrigation purposes under the Interruptible Service 2 (IS2) rate, and

Whereas, in order to receive this rate agricultural producers are subject to having their electrical supply interrupted due to the need by suppliers of electrical energy to meet increased demand by other users of electricity, and

Whereas, the Public Utility Commission of Nevada (PUCN) has adopted a penalty rate for non-curtailment of electrical use by agricultural operations, and

Whereas, the PUCN has established periods of mandatory curtailment of electrical use by agricultural users during the period of critical need for crop irrigation, and

Whereas, this period of mandatory curtailment places agricultural users in a no-win situation where they must decide between lost production and possible damage to the land as a result of irrigation curtailment or to further reducing

the already slim profit margin by paying a penalty in order to continue to provide badly needed irrigation to the crops, and

Whereas, the application of a penalty rate in addition to the provision that agricultural power is subject to interruption appears to be unreasonable and unnecessary.

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors recognizes the importance of the agricultural industry to Nevada, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the NACO Board of Directors declares that the application of a penalty rate in addition to the provision that agricultural power is subject to interruption is unreasonable, unnecessary and a detriment to the agricultural industry, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the NACO Board of Directors does hereby call for the elimination of the penalty rate for non-curtailment of electrical use by agricultural uses, and

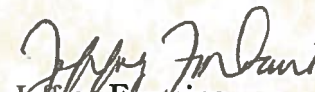
Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Nevada Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Nevada Assembly, the Chairs of the Public Lands and Commerce Committees of the Nevada Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and to the Nevada Farm Bureau.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 1st Day of April, 2011 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties:

Attest:



Doug Johnson
President



Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director

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