



## ENERGY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

### PARTIES

The City of Reno and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (“NV Energy”) hereby agree to collaborate and work together to achieve the vision and goals set forth in this Energy Partnership Agreement which is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

### TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. Purpose. The purposes of this Agreement are to:
  - (a) Express a joint commitment to collaborate on planning for local projects and initiatives that support a shared vision toward energy-related emissions reductions, increasing local renewable energy, improving resilience and reliability and designing solutions that are accessible and equitable;
  - (b) Identify goals that can be measured to track the progress towards specific energy and greenhouse gas emissions targets; and
  - (c) Reinforce a joint commitment to have ongoing and regular dialogue to achieve this vision and drive Reno’s clean energy economy aligned with the State’s renewable energy and carbon reduction goals.
2. Vision.
  - (a) The City of Reno has long understood the importance of making climate action a priority for our community in moving to a low-emission, resilient society. Reno seeks to achieve its energy and climate related goals by reducing fossil fuel demand from buildings and transportation, rapidly transitioning to a clean energy economy and lifestyle through innovative strategies that dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance our community’s resilience, and support a vital and equitable economy.
  - (b) Reno has created impactful programs and set aggressive goals to achieve its vision:
    - i. ReEnergize Reno is an ambitious program to improve the energy efficiency of commercial, industrial, and multifamily buildings 20% by 2025.
    - ii. Setting a goal to reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 28% from 2008 levels by 2025.

- iii. Signing the *We Are Still In* Declaration stating a continued commitment to meet the Paris Agreement's climate goals.
- (c) Reno previously set goals to meet its energy needs for city facilities through renewable energy.
- (d) NV Energy collaborates with many environmental and community organizations to further mutual goals of improving environmental quality, protecting natural resources, retaining open spaces, and preserving biological diversity. NV Energy is committed to providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy to Reno and the State of Nevada.
- (e) Reno and NV Energy will work to support and achieve each other's vision for the benefit of the overall Reno community which includes residents and businesses.
- (f) NV Energy's ability to implement innovative solutions may be constrained by regulatory requirements. Both Parties will work toward identifying, minimizing, and overcoming both external and internal barriers to the rapid implementation of agreed-upon projects.

3. Guiding Principles.

- (a) The goals of this Agreement are to prioritize reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with gas and electric consumption while supporting reliability, resilience and equity within Reno.
- (b) Reno and NV Energy will work together to help Reno add renewable energy in order to achieve its renewables goal and reach its carbon reduction goals.
- (c) Reno and NV Energy will work to advance the vision and goals of both Parties by sharing information, pushing innovation, and collaborating.
- (d) Both Parties agree to support efforts and collaborate when appropriate on federal and private grants and other funding models as available that help to achieve the goals and objectives set forth within this Agreement.

4. Collaborative Efforts.

- (a) Reno and NV Energy agree that the Underground Management Plan is a successful model that exhibits a cooperative and collaborative solution to address resilience in the face of the effects of climate change.
- (b) Reno and NV Energy agree to collaborate on accelerating the conversion of NV Energy's streetlights in Reno to LED light bulbs, to be complete by 12/31/2026, ensure that Reno is timely benefitting from savings associated with any conversion, and NV Energy agrees to provide a report at least twice per year as to the overall percentage of streetlights converted to LED.
- (c) NV Energy agrees to notify Reno of any delays in response times to make necessary streetlight repairs.
- (d) Reno and NV Energy agree to continue focusing on NV Energy's conversion of older and unreliable electric facilities to 4kV lines to improve reliability in the older areas of Reno.

- (e) Reno and NV Energy agree to pursue renewable energy projects and community based solar resources to serve Reno, and NV Energy agrees to provide Reno with an annual “percent green” report of the percentage of electricity use in Reno covered by renewable energy.
- (f) Reno and NV Energy agree to collaborate on and pursue energy benchmarking and whole building data analysis to assist Reno in achieving its goals under its operational and community-wide benchmarking efforts to align with Reno’s building performance standard.
- (g) Reno and NV Energy agree to collaborate and innovate together to accelerate the development of electric vehicle infrastructure and to seek out federal funding, grants, and other incentive programs for electric vehicles.
- (h) Reno and NV Energy agree to collaborate in providing enhanced communication and solutions to residents around tree trimming and pruning that is carried out by NV Energy.
- (i) Reno and NV Energy agree to work together on the implementation of natural disaster protection plan and wildfire mitigation efforts while attempting to preserve or replace any trees that are removed through those efforts.
- (j) Reno and NV Energy agree to work together to identify opportunities to convert propane and fuel oil homes.
- (k) Reno and NV Energy agree to seek equitable solutions in addressing Reno’s energy and sustainability goals.

5. General Provisions.

- (a) The Parties may change the Agreement upon the written agreement of the Parties.
- (b) The Parties shall evaluate any necessary revisions annually.
- (c) The Agreement shall be effective during the term of the Franchise Agreement entered into between Reno and NV Energy in 2024.

CITY OF RENO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Its: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Date

NV Energy



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Its: \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

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 Date 3-5-24