

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 17-10-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 23, 2017

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

General Introduction: This agenda is the Commission's agenda for the work week designated. In the beginning part of each week prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide website located at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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Action Items: All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes _____ (Rhonda)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 16, 2017.

Work Sessions: All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2016.3.31 & D2017.8.66– Ronan Telephone Company – Petition for Declaratory Ruling – Discuss and act on Ronan’s Motion for Consolidation and Defer Consideration of Motion for Reconsideration. (10/24/2017)
2. D2017.8.65 & D2016.4.33 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern’s Motion to Consolidate Dockets regarding its Petition for Waiver from Compliance with the Community Renewable Energy Project Purchase Obligation for Calendar Year 2015 & 2016. – Discuss and act on NorthWestern’s Motion to Consolidate the CREP dockets. (10/24/2017)
3. D2017.9.71 – Hydro One Limited and Avista Corporation – Application for Authorization of the Proposed Sale and transfer of Avista Corporation – Discuss and act on a Pro Hac Vice Application. (10/24/2017)
4. D2017.4.33 – Dan Strizic – Complaint of Dan Strizic v. North Western Energy Discuss and Act on NorthWestern’s Motion to Dismiss Strizic’s complaint. (10/24/2017)

Other Meetings:

None

Notice Items: All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments, either by mail or hand delivery, to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time via the PSC's public comment email, psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov. A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Citizens Telecommunications of Montana dba Frontier Communication
N2017.10.81 (Tina)

On October 5, 2017, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana, dba Frontier Communications of Montana, filed Advice Letter No. MT-17-04 to introduce a two-year term plan for Frontier Commercial Voice Unlimited bundled service. This bundled offer will be in addition to their existing month-to-month and one year term basis options.

Transportation Notice Items: Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final decision on the application (including a decision by delegation of authority to Commission staff pursuant to established internal operating procedures) without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

None

Protective Orders – Notice Items: The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink N2016.4.37

On October 5, 2017, the Commission denied Qwest Corporation doing business as CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") Motion for Protective Order seeking to protect trade secret information to be filed in conjunction with its annual Form 481 filing for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certification. Specifically the Commission denied protection of CenturyLink's expenditure information related to Connect America Fund Phase II obligations, found in Form 481.

Information Items: All items identified below are for information only.

1. 10/10/2017 – Received copy of a Form 556 Qualifying Facility (QF) self-recertification filing made at FERC on behalf of Big Timber Wind, LLC, in FERC Docket No. QF15-885-002.
2. 10/10/2017 – Received new Telecommunications AND Service Provider registrations from Alliant Technologies, Inc., dba TenFour.
3. 10/11/2017 – Received new Telecommunications registration from Comm-Core, LLC.
4. 10/12/2017 – Received notice that the indirect transfer of control of West Safety Communications, Inc., and West Telecom Services, LLC from West to Olympus (see letter dated June 15, 2017) completed on October 10, 2017.
5. 10/13/2017 – Received new Telecommunications registration from Hoplite Industries, Inc.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. N2017.10.81 – Citizens Telecommunication Company of Montana d/b/a/ Frontier Communications of Montana – Frontier Commercial Voice Unlimited Two Year Term.
2. N2017.10.82 – Public Service Commission - Investigation of Best Practices for Eligible Telecommunication Carriers Designation.
3. D2017.10.83 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Application for Approval to Update Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 93 Tariff.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. TN2685* - Kurtz Sanitation, Inc., Glendive, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC 9495 to Miles City Sanitation, Miles City, Montana for a one year period October 14, 2017 to October 14, 2018.

***Qualifies for Staff Action. Upon receipt of a written request by a commissioner or an interested person submitted within five (5) business days of the date published on this Agenda, the Commission will review this item.**