

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 17-5-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 29, 2017

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 1:15 p.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 1:30 p.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 (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 15, 2017.

2. Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

The following amendments to existing interconnection agreements have been filed with the Commission for approval. Each has been voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved. The amendments have been properly noticed, and no comments or objection have been received by the

Commission. The parties to each of the interconnection agreement amendments are registered telecommunications carriers in Montana. The interconnection agreements and their corresponding amendments are publicly available on the Commission's website under their respective docket number.

D2008.7.79 – Project Telephone Company and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
D2008.7.80 – Nemont Telephone Cooperative and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

D2010.5.53 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Neutral Tandem, Inc.

Probable Motion: Approve all three agreements.

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

1. D2017.3.21 – NorthWestern Energy – In the matter of the Petition of NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource - Discuss and act on NWE's petition for certification of Greenfield Wind as an eligible renewable resource. (5/29/17)
2. D2016.12.96 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Application for Authority to Implement a Tracking Adjustment for Montana State and Local Taxes and Fees - Gas and Electric Utility Service - Discuss and act on MDU's Motion for Reconsideration of Final Order 7533a. (5/29/17)
3. Discuss implementation of HB 219 – Revising net metering laws, requiring a cost benefit study, allowing the PSC to establish minimum information to be included in a cost benefit study - Review bids and select consultant to assist Commission with HB 219 implementation. (5/29/17)

Other Meetings

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. Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink D2010.5.53 (Mike)
Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink / Neutral Tandem – Montana LLC

Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink has filed for approval with this Commission an Amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem – Montana, LLC in Docket No. D2010.5.53. Details of the amendment have been included with the filing and may be viewed on the Public Service Commission website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under the Docket D2010.5.53.

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 be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by **June 19, 2017**. 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.

1. Black Sands Adventure Co, LLC dba Top of the World Tours T-17.18.COC
(Brenda)
Black Sands Adventure Co, LLC dba Top of the World Tours, P O Box 10872,
Bozeman, Montana 59719

Class B – Passengers in non-rate regulated service between all points and places within the State of Montana.

NOTE: Absent a protest, decision authority has been delegated to Commission staff for: Item 1. An interested person may request Commission action on this item by submitting a written request to the Commission by the protest deadline. Written requests can be mailed to the Commission address listed above or e-mailed to pschelp@mt.gov.

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. CenturyLink N2017.4.35 (Jeremiah)

In Docket N2017.4.35 concerning FCC's Ordered July 1, 2017 Transition of Intrastate Access Charges, CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* and supporting affidavit on May 15, 2017. CenturyLink is seeking to protect trade secret information contained in tariff Transmittal No. 17-AC02, to modify its access tariffs. Specifically, CenturyTel of Montana seeks protection of its ICC model, which it uses to calculate new intrastate access rates, and contains specific Montana customer access demand information.

2. CenturyLink QC N2017.4.35 (Jeremiah)

In Docket N2017.4.35 concerning FCC's Ordered July 1, 2017 Transition of Intrastate Access Charges, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink QC”) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* and supporting affidavit on May 15, 2017. CenturyLink QC is seeking to protect trade secret information contained in tariff Transmittal No. 17-AC02, to modify its access tariffs. Specifically, Qwest Corporation seeks protection of its ICC model, which it uses to calculate new intrastate access rates, and contains specific Montana customer access demand information.

Protective Orders – Information Items: The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

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

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week

D2017.5.39 – Public Service Commission – In the matter of the Montana Public Service Commission's Review of Rates to Recover NorthWestern Energy's Electricity Supply Costs

D2017.5.40 – Phillips 66 Carrier LLC - Transmittal Number No. 3 - 2017 FERC Index Increase of .1985% for Phillips 66 Carrier LLC Tariff No. 2.1

D2017.5.41 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - In the matter of Tariff Revision Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 192.383 on Excess Flow Valves

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week

T-17.18.COC - Black Sands Adventure Co, LLC dba Top of the World Tours, Bozeman, Montana filed an application for Class B – Passengers in non-rate regulated service between all points and places within the State of Montana