

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 17-06-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 26, 2017

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Thursday, June 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Thursday, June 29, 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 (Mike M.)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 19, 2017.

2. Telecommunications Tariffs N2017.4.35 (Mike D.)

The following telecommunications carriers in Montana have filed revised intrastate Access Service Tariff pages reflecting the sixth step in implementing the "Transition of Intrastate Access Service" reductions mandated by the Federal

Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Dockets No. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161 sometimes referred to as the FCC "Transformation Order"). Each of the carriers are requesting a July 1, 2017 effective date.

CenturyTel dba CenturyLink: The Tandem-to-End Office rate will move to \$0.0007/minute and the intrastate terminating Tandem End Office Access rate will move to \$0.0000/minute.

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink: The Tandem-to-End Office rate will move to \$0.0007/minute and the intrastate terminating Tandem End Office Access rate will to \$0.0000/minute.

Hot Springs Telephone Company: Local switching rate decreases from \$0.0050/minute to \$0.003567/minute.

Ronan Telephone Company: Local switching rate decreases from \$0.0050/minute to \$0.003567/minute.

Probable Motion: Move to approve the tariff pages reflecting the sixth step in implementing the intrastate access service reductions mandated by the Transformation Order.

3. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. D2017.5.41 (JOEL)

On May 19, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requested approval to revise its natural gas tariff to comply with 49 CFR, Part 192.383 (excess flow valves) of the pipeline safety regulations. This regulation requires gas operators to notify existing customers of the availability of excess flow valves. This tariff, or Rate 100, will reflect the cost of installing the excess flow valve if the customer requests it. Staff recommends approval.

Probable Motion: Approve MDU Rate 100.

4. PHILLIPS 66 CARRIER LLC D2017.5.40 (JOEL)

On May 19, 2017, Phillips 66 Carrier, LLC filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its crude petroleum pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. Phillips 66 Carrier, LLC is proposing raising rates to the maximum ceiling allowed under the index. Their proposed rate would be 108.92 cents per barrel from Cut Bank Station to Billings and Laurel Montana. Their new tariff will be Montana PSC 2.1. Staff recommends approval.

Probable Motion: Approve Phillips 66 Carrier, LLC tariff Montana PSC 2.1.

5. PHILLIPS 66 PIPELINE LLC D2017.5.42 (JOEL)

On May 26, 2017, Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its petroleum products pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC is proposing raising rates under the pipeline index. Their proposed rate would be 35.22 cents per barrel from Alkali Creek Junction to Burlington Northern Railroad in Laurel Montana. The new tariff would be Montana PSC 3.7. Staff recommends approval.

Probable Motion: Approve Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC Montana tariff PSC 3.7.

6. YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE COMPANY D2017.5.43 (JOEL)

On May 26, 2017, Yellowstone Pipeline Company filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its petroleum products pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. Yellowstone Pipeline Company is proposing raising rates under the pipeline index. Their proposed rate would be 0.1985 percent on all movements from Billings, Montana to Alkali Creek Junction, Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls and Missoula Montana. The new tariffs would be Montana PSC 48.5 and 49.9. Staff recommends approval.

Probable Motion: Approve Yellowstone Pipeline Company Montana PSC tariffs 48.5 and 49.9.

7. Out of state staff travel (Justin)

Request approval for Jennifer Hill-Hart to travel to East Lansing, Michigan to attend the Intermediate Course of Camp NARUC on August 7-11, 2017. Approval for Zack Rogala to travel to Albuquerque, NM to attend the New Mexico State University BASICS Course on October 9-13, 2017. Approval for Jeremiah Langston to travel to East Lansing, Michigan for the Advanced Regulatory Studies Program on October 2-6, 2017.

Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel requests.

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

1. D2017.6.44 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 2017 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing – Schedule No. QFLT-1. – Discuss and act on Application. (6/29/17)

2. D2017.6.55 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to adjust monthly Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment, pursuant to the terms of Rate 58 – Discuss and act on Application. (6/29/17)
3. D2016.11.91 – Energy West Montana Inc. – Joint Application for the Approval of the Acquisition of Gas Natural, Inc. by First Reserve Energy Infrastructure Fund II, LP – Discuss and act on Proposed Order. (6/29/17)
4. D2016.12.103 – MTSUN – Petition of MTSUN, LLC to Set Terms and Conditions for Qualifying Small Power Production Facility pursuant to MCA 69-3-603 – Discuss and receive direction on drafting a Final Order. (6/29/17)

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 Corporation dba CenturyLink QC N2017.6.54 (Tina)

On June 15, 2017, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted Tariff Transmittal No. 17-PLTS02 to add language to their Private Line Transport Services Tariff to clarify the application of the Termination Liability Waiver Policy.

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 **July 10, 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. DAROM LLC dba Two Men and a Truck T-17.23.RD (Brenda)

On May 22, 2017, DAROM LLC dba Two Men and a Truck, Missoula, Montana filed a request to Amend their tariff and decrease rates on two entries. Item one of their rates would decrease regular labor charges for an extra person by 27% and rates for two persons and a truck would decrease by 14%. The amendment would add Saturday hours and rates which were previously omitted. This decrease and amendment may become effective July 10, 2017, unless protests and/or requests for hearing are received.

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>

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:

1. N2017.6.54 – Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC – Tariff Transmittal No. 17-PLTS02 for Qwest Corporation d/b/a/ CenturyLink QC

2. D2017.6.55 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment
3. D2017.6.56 – NorthWestern Energy – In the Matter of the Petition of NorthWestern Energy for a Declaratory Ruling on the Availability of Schedule QF-1 Rates to 71 Ranch, LP, Oversight Resources, LLC and DA Wind Investors, LLC

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. T-17.23.RD – DAROM LLC dba Two Men and a Truck, Missoula, Montana filed a request for a rate decrease to Item 1 and an amendment to their tariff.