

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-05-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 22, 2006
Commission Meeting: May 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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

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

1. D2004.5.84 – Intercarrier Compensation, Missoula Plan – Visit about a workshop and get any necessary direction in preparation for the workshop. (5/23/06)
2. D2005.6.105 – PSC Initiated – Qwest USF investigation – Discussion, direction, action on discovery objections, continuing objection, and remaining procedure. (5/23/06)
3. N99.5.116 – Hot Springs Telephone – Services offered – Direction, decision. (5/23/06)
4. Court DV-03-10080, PSC D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind – Judicial review of PSC Order No. 6444c – Discussion and direction on court order. (5/23/06)
5. FERC EL05-124 et al. – PPL Montana – PPL Montana’s Triennial Market Power Update – Placeholder – Update the Commission on the results, if any, of FERC’s consideration of this matter and discuss any responses. (5/23/06)
6. N2005.12.172 – NorthWestern Energy – December 2005 Electric Default Supply Procurement Plan – Placeholder – Discuss and act on any matters in this docket as pertains to the hearing continued to May 24, 2006. (5/23/06)
7. D2006.5.66 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost – Discuss and act on NorthWestern Energy’s Motion for Protective Order. (5/23/06)
8. D2006.5.58 – NorthWestern Energy – 2006 natural gas tracker – Action on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary. (5/23/06)
9. D2005.5.87 – NorthWestern Energy – 2005 natural gas tracker – Action on draft final order. (5/23/06)
10. D2006.2.21 – NorthWestern Energy – 2006 initial, abbreviated natural gas procurement plan – Discussion, direction, action on PSC comments to NWE. (5/23/06)
11. D2005.10.150 – MT Associates – Tariff change – Decision on tariff change. (5/23/06)

12. Pay increase for certain Utility and Legal Division staff – Review and consider adjusting the pay rate for Eric Dahlgren, Al Brogan, Donna Turkowski, and the vacant Utility Division Administrative Support position. (5/23/06)
13. **5/25/06 9:00 a.m.** – CC 96-45, WC Docket No. 05-337 – Reply comments to FCC order on 2nd 10th Cir. Remand – Discuss and get direction to submit reply comments. (5/25/06)

Other Meetings

5/22/06 11:00 a.m. – MISO market update – MISO update to Commissioners by Bill Malcolm, MISO Manager of State Regulatory Affairs (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

5/23/06 2:00 p.m. - Neustar informational meeting (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. Electric City Power Inc. N2006.5.69 (Will)

On May 10, 2006, Electric City Power, Inc. submitted an application for a license to supply retail electricity to customers with average monthly demands greater than 50 KW in NorthWestern Energy's service territory.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2006.5.70 – Qwest Corporation and Pacific Centrex Services, Inc. –
Application for Approval of Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement