

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 08-10-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 13, 2008  
Commission Meeting: October 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction *This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the latter 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.

1. NorthWestern Energy N2008.10.121 (Eric)

On October 3, 2008, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2008. Due to a lack of materiality NWE has chosen to defer reflecting these tax decreases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers. **Probable Motion:** Grant NWE's request to accrue under and over collections of the MPSC and MCC tax decreases until the next general rate case.

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

1. D2008.7.79 – Project Telephone Company, Inc. and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (10/15/08)
2. D2008.7.80 – Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (10/15/08)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**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 the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments 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 through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Citizens N2008.10.120 (Scott)

On October 6, 2008, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-06. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Frontier Business Essentials bundled service. This bundle will be available to all Business Flat rate service customers. The Company requests that this filing become effective on November 6, 2008.

**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**

N2008.10.120 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana – Advice Letter No. MT-08-06 – Introduce Frontier Business Essentials Bundled Service

N2008.10.121 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for Authorization for Accumulation of Under and Over Collections of MPSC and MCC Taxes beginning October 1, 2008