

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 09-04-14**

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Commission Meeting: April 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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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. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES `CO. N2009.2.17 (JOEL)

On March 31, 2009, Montana-Dakota Utilities filed a tariff revision to its Rate 53 reflecting changes to labor rates to accommodate structure moves.

Recommended Motion: Approve MDU's Rate 53.

2. MILLER OIL COMPANY N2009.3.39 (JOEL)

On March 20, 2009, Miller Oil Company dba The City Line filed a tariff revision changing the effective billing date from the 28th of the month to the 26th of the month. This filing also included some minor text changes.

Recommended Motion: Approve Miller Oil's request to change their effective billing date.

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

1. D2008.12.140 – Cable & Communications Corporation (C&CC) – Petition for Approval of Cost Data Pursuant to the FCC CETC Cap Order – Consider C&CC's Motion to Withdraw and Request for Dismissal of Proceeding. (4/14/09)
2. D2008.9.107 – Energy West Montana – Petition for a Special Permit for the Use of Polyamide 2 Piping for Natural Gas Distribution – Amend conditions of special permit to incorporate PHMSA recommendations. (4/14/09)
3. D2009.1.4 – United Material of Great Falls, Inc. – Petition for QF-specific wind integration charge – Discuss any non-procedural/legal pre-hearing issues. (4/14/09)
4. Public information requests from the Lee Bureau and Mary Jo Fox – Discuss and act on certain matters outstanding from the requests of the Lee Bureau and Mary Jo Fox. (4/14/09)
5. Placeholder – Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider

staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (4/14/09)

4/15/09 9:00 a.m.

1. Consider NorthWestern Energy's proposal for a collaborative process for addressing wind integration issues. (4/15/09)
2. Placeholder – D2008.12.146 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for Qualifying Facilities – Brief Commission on additional issues. (4/15/09)

Other Meetings

4/13/09 1:00 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy informational meeting (Bollinger Room)

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 Telecommunications Company N2009.4.48 (Scott)

On April 1, 2009, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-09-04. In this filing Citizens requests to reduce the monthly charge for Frontier Digital Phone Essentials bundle and remove the reference to the non-regulated 100 long distance minutes. Citizens requests that this filing become effective on May 4, 2009.

2. Southern Montana Telephone Company N2009.4.50 (Scott)

On April 3, 2009, Southern Montana Telephone Company requested changes its Montana tariffs. These changes include the following:

1) updating and formatting in an effort to modernize the tariffs; 2) return check charge is increased from \$8 to \$10; 3) the minimum balance for calculation of a late payment on a customers account is reduced from \$45 to \$25; 4) the vacation service allowable time for a customer to temporarily suspend service is increased from 4 months in any consecutive 12 months to 6 months in a year; 5) and finally the inclusion of E 911 language.

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.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2009.4.48 – Citizens Telecommunications Company – Advice Letter MT-09-04, Tariff Revisions – Clean Up Frontier Digital Phone Essentials
N2009.4.49 – PSC Initiated – Consideration of the Adoption of Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 Standards Regarding Integrated

Resource Planning, Energy Efficiency, Rate Design Modifications, Smart Grid Investments, and Smart Grid Information
N2009.4.50 – Southern Montana Telephone Company – Tariff Modifications and Updates