

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 09-09-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 28, 2009
Commission Meeting: September 29, 2009, 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. Qwest N2009.9.118 (Scott)

On September 8, 2009, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 09-04 – Network Premises Work Charges – Trenching Charges. This filing will create two new USOCs, one for trenching jobs 1-300 feet and one for trenching jobs 301-600 feet. In both instances, the charges will include the cost of the buried service wire as well as the trenching. In addition to trenching USOCs four additional USOCs will be added for the cost of the buried service wire in those situations where the customer has provided their own trench. Qwest is requesting an effective date of October 8, 2009. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 09-04 in Docket N2009.9.118.

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

1. D2009.8.106 – Havre Pipeline Company – Gas Cost Tracker Rate Decrease – Discussion/Final Approval. (9/29/09)
2. Contracts for Natural Gas Heat Content (BTU) Monitoring – Discuss issuing the contracts. (9/29/09)
3. D2008.8.97 – Five Valleys Gas – Propane Gas Rate Increase – Act on approval for rate increase from \$0.015 per cf to \$0.0167 per cf if warranted after scheduled hearing on September 30, 2009 to become effective October 1, 2009. (9/29/09)
4. N2009.9.122 – MDU's 2009 Biennial Integrated Electric Least Cost Plan Filing – PSC approval to issue a Notice of Filing (NOF) and Commission Action (NCA). (9/29/09)
5. D2006.1.2 – AARP Complaint against MDU Involving Gas and Electric USB Charges – Discuss whether to appeal the District Court Order to the Montana Supreme Court. (9/29/09)
6. D2009.9.127 – Mountain Water – Power Cost Tracking Adjustment Filing – Present the filing for Commission direction. (9/29/09)

7. D2009.9.128 – Utility Solutions, LLC’s Request for a Partial Waiver of ARM 38.5.106 – Discuss and act on Utility Solutions’ Request. (9/29/09)
8. Placeholder – Organization of MISO States – Discuss possible comments related to First Energy’s move to PJM from MISO. (9/29/09)
9. Out of state staff travel – Approval of Steve Cameron’s upcoming Organization of MISO States travel as follows: OMS annual meeting, Carmel, IN, Oct. 13-15 and OMS CARP meetings in Carmel, IN, Oct. 29-30, and Dec. 14-15, and in Chicago, Nov. 18-19. (9/29/09)

Other Meetings

10/1/09 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – NRRI Teleseminar: “Postage Stamp” Pricing Meets Judge Posner – and Loses: Will We Ever Agree on Transmission Cost Allocation? (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

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

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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

- D2009.9.125 – Black Hills Power – Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
- D2009.9.126 – Qwest Corporation and iNetworks Group, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement
- D2009.9.127 – Mountain Water Company – Application to Implement a Power Cost Tracking Adjustment
- D2009.9.128 – Utility Solutions, LLC – Request for a Partial Waiver of A.R.M. 38.5.106