

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 09-11-17**

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Commission Meeting: November 17, 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. Qwest Corporation N2009.11.142 (Scott)

On November 2, 2009, Qwest Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal 09-09. Qwest is requesting to move Selective Carrier Denial from Section 12 to Section 6 of the Access Service Tariff. Qwest seeks to consolidate the SCD toll denial feature with other toll denial features currently available in the Access Tariff. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 09-09 in Docket N2009.11.142.

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

1. D2008.9.111 – Commission Initiated Alltel's Compliance with ETC Designation Requirements – Approve the draft final order. (11/17/09)
2. Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Possible action item from the OMS BOD meeting on November 12, 2009 regarding comments to the FERC.(11/17/09)
3. Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – NTTG comments to the FERC regarding Order 890 Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation. (11/17/09)
4. Commissioner Molnar's information request – Consider (again) PSC letter to Governor Schweitzer requesting computer-stored information related to MSTI and other transmission lines. (11/17/09)

Other Meetings

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

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<http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. NorthWestern Energy N2009.11.143 (Eric D)

On November 6, 2009, NorthWestern Energy Corporation (NWE) filed a request for approval to implement a new Therm Billing Zone. The proposed Therm Billing Zone is identified as Zone 30 and is currently included within the existing Therm Billing Zone 16. Implementation of the new Therm Billing Zone is necessary because a new natural gas source will be added to NWE's natural gas transmission system. Implementation of the new Therm Billing Zone will ensure customers continue to be billed equitably.

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

N2009.11.143 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Therm Billing Zone Change