

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 10-07-27**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 26, 2010
Commission Meeting: July 27, 2010, 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. Approval of Commission Minutes (Kate)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of July 19, 2010

2. Qwest Communications Company N2010.7.76 (Scott)

On July 9, 2020, Qwest Communications Company (QCC) filed Tariff Transmittal QCC 10-04. This filing proposes to move the Qwest 1-800-987-4378 calling service to the Obsolete Operator Service Section. QCC will Grandfather existing customers. There is no change to rate or to the service for existing customers. Probable Motion: Approve QCC Tariff Transmittal QCC 10-04 in docket N2010.7.76.

3. Black Hills Power D2010.6.65 (Eric)

On June 16, 2010, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on June 23, 2010. Requests for hearing were due by July 26, 2010. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$94,300 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable Motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

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

1. Placeholder – D2010.3.22 – TransCanada Keystone Pipeline – Recognition as a Regulated Common Carrier – Discuss and act on TransCanada's supplemental acceptance of Title 69, Chapter 13, MCA. (7/27/10)
2. D2009.9.129 – NWE – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates and Implement Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design Proposals – Discuss and act on NWE's Motion to Establish New Hearing Date. (7/27/10)
3. D2008.10.123 – HLH, LLC – General Rate Case – Obtain Commission direction. (7/27/10)

4. N2010.1.4 - PSC Initiated – Renewable Standard Compliance Filings for Compliance Year 2009 – Discuss compliance status of all public utilities and competitive electricity suppliers for compliance year 2009, and discuss and act on ConocoPhillips Company’s status as a competitive electricity supplier. (7/27/10)
5. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval of Joel Tierney’s request to attend required PHMSA training, the Pipeline Welding Inspection Course, August 24 – 26, 2010, Oklahoma City OK. (7/27/10)

Other Meetings

7/27/10 – 1:30 p.m. - N2010.7.73 – PSC Roundtable Regarding the FCC’s Proposed Reforms of the Universal Service Fund. (Bollinger Room)

7/28/10 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – NRRI Teleseminar – “Forecasting Natural Gas Prices: How Accuracy and the Proper Use of Forecasts Can Save Your Utility Millions” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

7/28/10 – 7/29/10 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee Meeting (State Capitol Room 172)

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.

1. NorthWestern Energy D2009.5.63 (Justin)

On July 21, 2010, the Commission granted in part and denied in part NorthWestern Energy's motion for protective order to govern access to its gas tracker forecast monthly costs, volumes, delivery details, and negotiation proposals

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2010.7.74 – NorthWestern Energy – Monthly Electric Default Supply Cost Rate Adjustment

D2010.7.75 – NorthWestern Energy – Monthly Natural Gas Cost Rate Adjustment