

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 10-08-31**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 30, 2010
Commission Meeting: August 31, 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 August 23, 2010

2. Butte Urban Safari Tours (BUST) T-10.26.PCN (Eric D.)

On June 22, 2010, Mark A. Reavis and Nicole A. von Gaza dba Butte Urban Safari Tours (BUST), Butte, Montana, applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on July 9, 2010. The Montana Standard failed to publish the application as requested, and it was resubmitted for publication on July 27, 2010, and published on August 2. No protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of authority as applied for.

Class B – Passengers in tour operations in the Uptown Butte area (inclusive of the Butte & Walkerville Segments of the Butte & Anaconda National Historic Landmark District bordered by I-90/15 and just south to Greenwood Avenue).

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

1. Verizon Wireless – PSC FCC numbering audit request – Discuss and act on Verizon Wireless' petition for the PSC to withdraw its FCC number audit request. (8/31/10)
2. D2010.6.60 – North Star Planned Unit Development – Application to Establish Initial Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service in its Helena, Montana, Service Area – Discuss and act on proposed interim rate request. (8/31/10)
3. Application for 2011 solar energy DOE/MT PSC partnership – Seek Commission direction on whether to pursue a 2011 DOE/PSC partnership to study a specific solar energy topic in Montana. (8/31/10)
4. Placeholder – FERC Docket ER10-1791-000 – Midwest ISO (MISO) cost allocation – Discuss MISO's July 15, 2010, filing and consider joining OMS comments to FERC. (8/31/10)

5. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval for Eric Dahlgren’s travel to Oklahoma City, Oct. 5-8, for a pipeline safety class, External Corrosion Direct Assessment Field Course. (8/31/10)
6. FY 2012-2013 budget information – Discuss agency response to 17-7-111(3)(f) MCA which requires agencies to identify how they would operate at 95% of their base budget for each year of the next biennium. (8/31/10)

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. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2010.8.85 (Eric)

On August 23, 2010, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$1,000,000,000 of long-term financing in the following amounts: (1) the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 of the Company’s Common Stock; (2) the issuance of not to exceed \$150,000,000 of the Company’s Preferred Stock and/or Preferred Stock A; (3) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of the Company’s secured debt securities; (4) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of stock purchase contracts; and (5) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of hybrid securities such as convertible or unconvertible preferred securities, putable or callable instruments. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company’s capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development including the acquisition of businesses or business assets, and for other general corporate purposes.

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

D2010.8.85 – MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Application for Authorization for the Issuance of Securities