

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 10-12-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 27, 2010  
Commission Meeting: December 28, 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 December 6, 2010

2. CenturyLink N2010.12.114 (Scott)

On December 9, 2010, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 10-16. The purpose of the filing is to introduce Pure Bundle Satisfaction Guarantee, Winback, \$5.00 Bill Credit, and Wavier of Access Line Service Connect Charge as Competitive Response offers. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink Advice No. 10-16 in Docket N2010.12.114.

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

1. D2010.12.116 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees – Discuss/act on interim rate request. (12/28/10)
2. D2009.9.129 – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates and Implement Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design Proposals – Discuss/act on motions for reconsideration. (12/28/10)
3. Personal staff retirement – Consider pay status for Wayne and Robin on December 31, 2010. (12/28/10)
4. Department operations manual – Consider draft revisions to the manual. (12/28/10)

**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. Ronan Telephone Company N2010.12.119 (Scott)

On December 17, 2010, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) requested regulatory authorization to remove its tariffs for DSL and Internet services. RTC will continue to offer these services to its customers. The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that wireline broadband Internet service offered by a wireline facilities-based provider is an information service under federal law and not a telecommunication service. Therefore, RTC requests that its DSL service tariffs be removed from its Montana Tariffs.

**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. Treeline Springs, LLC (Treeline) D2010.9.98 (Sarah)

On December 7, 2010, the Commission granted Treeline's motion for protective order seeking protection of federal and state tax returns, and information contained therein, for itself and that of its parent company, Moonlight Basin Ranch, LP.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2010.12.116 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees

D2010. 12.117 – Black Hills Power, Inc. – Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2010.12.118 – Level 3 Communications, LLC – Application for Approval of the Adoption by Level 3 Communications, LLC of the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and IDT America, Corp.

N2010.12.119 – Ronan Telephone Company – Request to Remove Tariffs for Internet Access Service, ADSL Service and Economy Broadband Service