

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-01-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 10, 2011
Commission Meeting: January 11, 2011, 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 weeks of December 20 and 27, 2010

2. Ronan Telephone Co. N2010.12.119 (Scott)

On December 17, 2010, Ronan Telephone Co. (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 telecommunications service. Therefore RTC's requests that its DSL service tariffs be removed from its Montana Tariffs. Probable Motion: Approve RTC's request in N2010.12.119.

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

1. TN2489 – Triple S Disposal, Inc. – Discuss and act request by Triple S Disposal to split PSC No. 4066. (1/11/11)
2. TN2490 – Triple S Disposal, Inc. – Discuss and act on request by Triple S Disposal to lease split portion of authority to Miller's Garbage Service. (1/11/11)
3. Placeholder – Renewable portfolio standard (RPS) compliance filings for public utilities and competitive electricity suppliers as contemplated by Section 69-3-2005(6) of Montana Code Annotated – Determine whether to adopt the forms drafted by staff as the format for RPS compliance filings. (1/11/11)
4. D2009.9.129 – NWE – Possible PSC investigation – Consider initiating a proceeding pursuant to § 69-3-324, MCA, to investigate the rates, tolls, charges, rules, practices and services of NWE subsequent to PSC Order 7046h in Docket D2009.9.129. (1/11/11)

5. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval of Eric Dahlgren’s travel request to attend a required pipeline safety training class, “Assessment Evaluation for Operator Qualification (OQ) Seminar,” in Oklahoma City, February 15-16, 2011. (1/11/11)
6. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/11/11)
7. **1/10/11 at 1:30 p.m., 1/12/11, 1/13/11, & 1/14/11, at 8:30 a.m.** - Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/10/11, 1/12/11, 1/13/11, 1/14/11, Commission Conference Room – Live web audio feed – not archived)

Other Meetings

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. Energy West Montana, D2010.9.90 (Justin)

On December 28, 2010, the Commission issued an Order granting Energy West Montana's motion for protective order. The Commission granted protection for the Black & Veatch Cost of Service spreadsheet models and algorithms, with the exception of the model inputs and outputs.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None