

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-08-02**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 1, 2011

Commission Meeting: August 2, 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 week of July 25, 2011

2. Qwest N2011.7.60 (Scott)

On July 8, 2011, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 11-AC01 – Revised Access Service Tariff. Qwest is requesting the approval of the Company's fictitious name d/b/a CenturyLink QC and includes an adoption notice, and a revised title and application of tariff page reflecting the d/b/a CenturyLink QC. There are no changes to the rates, terms or conditions of the tariff. Qwest is requesting an effective date of August 8, 2011. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal 11-AC01 in Docket N2011.7.60.

3. Qwest N2011.7.61 (Scott)

On July 8, 2011, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 11-AC02 – Revised Private Line Transport Services Tariffs. Qwest is requesting the approval of the Company's fictitious name d/b/a CenturyLink QC and includes an adoption notice, and a revised title and application of tariff page reflecting the d/b/a CenturyLink QC. There are no changes to the rates, terms or conditions of the tariff. Qwest is requesting an effective date of August 8, 2011. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal 11-AC02 in Docket N2011.7.61.

4. Qwest N2011.7.62 (Scott)

On July 18, 2011, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 11-1 – Revised Exchange and Network Services Tariffs. Qwest is requesting the approval of the Company's fictitious name d/b/a CenturyLink QC and includes an adoption notice, and a revised title and application of tariff, and/or a trademark page reflecting the d/b/a CenturyLink QC. There are no changes to the rates, terms or conditions of the tariff. Retail customers were notified via bill message appearing in the June billing statements. Qwest is requesting an effective date of August 8, 2011. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal 11-1 in Docket N2011.7.62.

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

1. N2011.7.64 – PSC Initiated – Joint letter with North Dakota PSC and South Dakota PUC to FCC Chairman, Julius Genachowski, to express concerns regarding the current FCC Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation reform NPRM proposals – Discuss and act on approving the joint letter. (8/2/11)
2. D2009.9.117 – Landmark Water Co., LLC – Application for an Interim Rate Increase to its Water Rates as a Result of Increased Water Costs from River Rock Water and Sewer District – Discuss/act on final order. (8/2/11)
3. D2011.5.41 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Spion Kop Wind Project, for Certification of the Spion Kop Wind Project as an Eligible Renewable Resource, and for Related Relief – Discuss and act on Invenergy Wind Development’s Motion for General Intervention. (8/2/11)
4. D2011.5.41 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Spion Kop Wind Project, for Certification of the Spion Kop Wind Project as an Eligible Renewable Resource, and for Related Relief – Consider and act on General Electric Energy’s Motion for Limited Intervention and for issuance of protective order. (8/2/11)
5. D2010.7.77 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities – Consider and act on General Electric Energy’s Motion for Protective Order. (8/2/11)
6. Out-of-state staff travel – Obtain approval of the following staff travel requests: (1) ARRA-funded travel for Brian Dekiep and Bob Decker, Transmission Summit West 2011, September 19-21, 2011, San Francisco; and (2) Brian Dekiep, State-Provincial Steering Committee & Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation meeting, October 26-27, 2011, Monterey, CA. (8/2/11)

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. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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 viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2011.7.64 – PSC Initiated – Letter to FCC regarding Proposed Reforms of Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation