

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-10-04**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 3, 2011
Commission Meeting: October 4, 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 (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of September 26, 2011

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

1. Placeholder - 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’s Motion to Accept Late Filing of Testimony. (10/4/11)
2. Placeholder – D2009.9.117 – Landmark Water Co., LLC – Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges and Establish a Pass-Through Mechanism for Water Service to its Belgrade, Montana, Customers – Discuss/act on response to Montana Consumer Counsel’s Motion for Clarification of Final Order. (10/4/11)

Other Meetings

10/3/11 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar, “USF and ICC Reforms: The ABCs of America’s Broadband Connectivity Plan” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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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. CenturyLink N2011.9.85 (Scott)

On September 22, 2011, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 11-08 to Introduce Natural Disaster Relief for Customers to assist customers impacted by a natural disaster.

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>.

1. NorthWestern Energy D2011.5.41 (Sarah/Jim)

On September 27, 2011, the Commission issued a Protective Order granting NorthWestern Energy's (NWE) motion. The Order protects from public disclosure the GENIVAR pricing information found in contract documents between NWE and GENIVAR Consultants, Ltd.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

1. **Qwest Corporation Multi-State and Individual Case Basis Agreements**
Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an

objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.6, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1.) Qwest Corporation/Wyndham Worldwide Operations – Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Wyndham Worldwide Operations have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Wyndham Worldwide Operations.

2.) Qwest Corporation/McDonald's Corporation – Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and McDonald's Corporation have signed an amendment to their Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to McDonald's Corporation.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2011.9.83 – Black Hills Power, Inc. – Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

N2011.9.85 – Century Tel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink – Advice No. 11-08, Introduce “Natural Disaster Relief for Customers” to Assist Customers Impacted by a Natural Disaster