

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-12-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 19, 2011

Commission Meeting: December 20, 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 December 12, 2011,

2. NorthWestern Energy D2011.12.99 (Mike)

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) has requested an adjustment to its BPA Residential Exchange Credit (BPA Credit) rate to become effective January 1, 2012. By letter dated May 20, 2011 NWE submitted its annual BPA Credit filing and requested that rates be adjusted July 1, 2011 for an amount of \$(5,232,666) to be credited to customers. Final Order No. 7157a in Docket No. D2011.5.42 approved the proposed rates which went into effect July 1, 2011. As noted in the May filing, NWE has been a participant in the Residential Exchange Program (REP) Settlement Agreement proceeding. Since the time of that filing, NWE has entered into two agreements with BP A as a result of the settlement negotiations. The REP Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and the REP Settlement Implementation Agreement both commenced October 1, 2011 and replaced the existing Residential Purchase and Sales Agreement. As a result of the settlement proceeding, NWE requests an adjustment to the BPA Credit. NWE requests amount of \$(305,940) to be credited to customers over a six-month period beginning January 1, 2012. As a result of the decrease in the credit, the increase for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be \$1.42 per month or \$17.04 per year on their total bill. Appendices A and B in the NWE filing are the supporting work papers identifying an amount of \$(305,940) to be credited to customers over a six-month period beginning January 1, 2012. Probable Motion: Move to approve NWE's requested adjustment to the BPA Residential Exchange Credit to become effective January 1, 2012.

3. G & G Garbage, Inc. TN2520 (Nickie)

James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to G & G Garbage, Inc., Baker, Montana for a twelve month period, December 28, 2011 to December 28, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 9297.

Class D - Garbage, solid waste, debris between all points and places in Fallon, Carter and Wibaux County.

4. Signature Limousines, Inc. TN2521 (Nickie)

Rod Rick dba PS Limo Service, Havre, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9433 to Signature Limousines, Inc., Havre, Montana for a six month period December 20, 2011 to June 20, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 9433.

Class B – Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Blaine, Chouteau, Hill, Liberty, Phillips and Toole Counties.

LIMITATION: Transportation of railroad crews is prohibited.

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

1. D2011.12.97 – NorthWestern Energy – Act on Interim Order – Approve Interim Order. (12/20/11)
2. D2011.11.93 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource and Community Renewable Energy Project – Discuss and act on Petition for Certification. (12/20/11)
3. T-11.24.RI – Medicab – Rate Increase Request – Discuss and act on application. (12/20/11)
4. Discuss hiring a private investigator to look into a motor carrier issue. (12/20/11)

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.

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.

1. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC 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 Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, 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. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

- 1.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/The DirecTV Group, Inc. - Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and The DirecTV Group, Inc. have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to The DirecTV Group, Inc.
- 2.) Qwest Corporation /Billings Clinic - Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Billings Clinic have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Billings Clinic.

- 3.) Qwest Corporation/Humana, Inc. - Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Humana, Inc. have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Humana, Inc.
- 4.) Qwest Corporation/Clear Channel Management Services, Inc. - Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Clear Channel Management Services, Inc. have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Clear Channel Management Services, Inc.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2011.12.100 - NorthWestern Energy - Tariff Letter No. 201-G Revised Natural Gas Utility Rules and Tariffs

N2011.12.101 - NorthWestern Energy - Tariff Letter No. 15-P - Revised Propane Utility Rules and Tariffs

N2011.12.102 - NorthWestern Energy - Tariff Letter No. 212-E - Revised Electric Tariffs