

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-02-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 13, 2012
Commission Meeting: February 14, 2012, 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 January 30, 2012

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

1. MTPCS, LLC dba Cellular One – MTPCS' Motion for Reconsideration to the FCC on FCC's Order on USF/ICC Reform – Discuss and act on whether or not the PSC should file reply comments supporting the Motion for Reconsideration filed by MTPCS. (2/14/12)
2. D2011.6.53 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition for a Short-Term Waiver from Full Compliance with the Community Renewable Energy Project Purchase Requirement – Discuss and act on any pre-hearing motions. (2/14/12)
3. D2011.3.26 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Charge Rate Adjustments – Discuss and act on final order. (2/14/12)
4. D2011.5.36 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance – Cancel the tentative hearing date. (2/14/12)
5. N2012.2.17 – PSC Initiated – Proposed Adoption of New Rules Regarding Electric Line Extension Tariffs – Discuss/act on issuing notice requesting informal comments on draft proposed rules. (2/14/12)
6. T-11.18.RI – Carrie Anne Pintar dba Amazing Taxi – Amazing Taxi requested rate increase – Consider and act upon Amazing Taxi's rate increase request. (2/14/12)
7. NARUC Capacity Assistance Grant – Discuss selection of contractor. (2/14/12)
8. D2011.5.41 – NorthWestern Energy (NWE) – 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 staff's memo and act on NWE's application. (2/14/12)

Other Meetings

2/14/12 – 3:00 p.m. – Commissioners’ interview of applicants for Communications/Research Director position (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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1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) D2007.7.79 (Scott)

On January 30, 2012, MDU moved the Commission for a notice of Commission action that the sunset provision in paragraph 12 of the stipulation filed in Docket D2007.7.79 has been satisfied, and that the fuel and purchase power tracking adjustments contained in Rates 35 and 58 have been extended beyond December 31, 2011.

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

D2012.1.13 – Miller Oil Company dba The City Line – Monthly Gas Tracker Adjustment for Propane Service in its Culbertson, Montana, Service Area for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2012

D2012.1.14 – NorthWestern Energy – Residential Smart Grid Demonstration Time-Of-Use Tariff

N2012.2.15 – Project Telephone Company, Inc. – VoIP-PSTN Tariff Revisions to MILEC and TECOM Access Tariffs

D2012.2.16 – Black Hills Power, Inc. – Application for Authority to Approve a Contract Rate with the Belle Fourche Pipeline Company for New Load at its Belle Creek Compressor Station in Powder River County, Montana

N2012.2.17 – PSC Initiated – Proposed Adoption of New Rules Regarding Electric Line Extension Tariffs

N2012.2.18 – People's Power & Gas, LLC – Application for Natural Gas Supplier License in the State of Montana