

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-02-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 27, 2012
Commission Meeting: February 28, 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 February 20, 2012

2. People's Power & Gas, LLC N2012.2.18 (Joel)

On February 8, 2012, People's Power & Gas, LLC (PP&G) filed an application for a gas supplier's license in the State of Montana. People's Power & Gas stated it intends to serve natural gas customers under the Commission's Natural Gas Supplier Licensing Rules. PP&G has satisfied the rule requirements and staff recommends approval. **Probable Motion:** Approve the application of People's Power & Gas for a gas supplier license in the State of Montana.

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

1. D2009.12.156 – Aquanet, Inc. – Application for Approval of Initial Rates and Charges for Water Service in its Billings, Montana, Service Area – Discuss/act on stipulation between the Montana Consumer Counsel and Aquanet, Inc. (2/28/12)
2. N2012.1.4 – PPL Treasure State, LLC (PPLTS) – Request for Authorization to Use a Renewable Energy Credit Tracking and Verification Mechanism in Addition to the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) – Discuss and act on a request from PPLTS for authorization to use the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (MRETS) as a renewable energy credit tracking and verification mechanism. (2/28/12)
3. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Electricity Regulators Assistance Grant – Discuss and act on extending current grant funding for two positions through December 31, 2014. (2/28/12)
4. Career ladder and other staff pay increases – Discuss career ladder pay increases and general competency increases for all staff. (2/28/12)

Other Meetings

2/28/12 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. – CenturyLink informational meeting/report on AFOR and merger DSL/broadband commitments (Bollinger Room)

2/29/12 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Staff/Commissioner tour of the CenturyLink central office in Helena (CenturyLink building, Helena, MT – no web audio feed)

2/29/12 – 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar, “Small Water Systems: How Regulators Can Address Existing Challenges and Ensure the Viability of Future Systems” (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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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>.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None