

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 12-04-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 16, 2012  
Commission Meeting: April 17, 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 April 9, 2012

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

1. Placeholder – N2012.2.17 – PSC Initiated – Proposed adoption of new rules regarding electric line extension tariffs – Discuss informal comments and provide direction to staff. (4/17/12)

### **Other Meetings**

**4/17/12 - 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy information meeting re: NWE's transmission business (Bollinger Room)**

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>.

1. Helis Oil & Gas Company, LLC & Energy Consultants, LLC D2012.3.25  
(Dennis)

On April 11, 2012, Helis Oil & Gas Company, LLC (Helis) and Energy Consultants, LLC filed a Motion for Protective Order to protect from disclosure certain terms and conditions contained in the Agreement of Sale and Purchase entered into between Helis and NorthWestern Energy and the Agreement entered into between Energy Consultants and NorthWestern Energy. The Agreements pertain to the sale of Helis’ and Energy Consultants’ interests and assets in the Battle Creek Field in Blaine County, Montana, to NorthWestern Energy. Helis and Energy Consultants seek to protect limited portions of the Agreements which relate to the representations and warranties, indemnities, disclaimer of warranties, survival of provisions, and certain miscellaneous provisions contained in the Agreements.

2. CenturyLink QC D2012.4.36 (Dennis)

On April 11, 2012, Qwest Corporation and CenturyTel d/b/a CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for Protective Order to protect from disclosure information expected to be routinely filed that is contained in the 2012 ETC Report provided to the Commission in satisfaction of FCC-11-161. This information includes outage reports and unmet requests for service. CenturyLink QC requests a four-year Term Protective Order.

3. NorthWestern Energy D2012.1.3 (Dennis)

On March 26, 2012, NorthWestern Energy filed a Motion for Protective Order to protect from disclosure certain pricing information contained in an agreement between NorthWestern Energy and GENIVAR Consultants LTD (Agreement). This information includes unit price, primary cost, secondary cost, and rate/hr pricing information contained in the Agreement.

**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**

D2012.4.40 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company – Proposed Montana Tariff PSC No. 49

D2012.4.41 – CenturyLink Corporation and TC System, Inc. – Application for Approval of the Adoption of the Wireline Interconnection Agreements between CenturyLink Corporation and TC System, Inc.