

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-06-19**

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Commission Meeting: June 19, 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 June 4, 2012

2. Sidney Shuttle LLC T-12.7.PCN (Nickie)

On May 24, 2012, a temporary operating authority was granted to Sidney Shuttle LLC, Sidney, Montana. That temporary authority was for 30 days and the motor carrier is requesting the 90 day extension as allowed by 69-12-207 MCA. If approved, the authority will be valid for the period June 23, 2012, to September 20, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve the extension of the TA authority.

Class B – Passengers in rate regulated service between all points and places in Richland and Dawson County, Montana.

LIMITATION: Transportation movements must originate or terminate in Richland County, Montana.

3. Shorty's Shuttle LLC TN2542 (Nickie)

Shorty's Shuttle LLC, Roundup, Montana, requests a final 6 month suspension of PSC No. 9474, May 1, 2012, to November 1, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve the final suspension as requested.

Class B – Passengers, in rate regulated service, 1) between all points and places in Musselshell County and 2) between all points and places in Musselshell County to Billings Logan International Airport or medical facilities in Billings, Montana. LIMITATION: All movements must originate or terminate in Musselshell County.

4. MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY N2012.5.55 (Leroy)

On May 15, 2012, Mountain Water Company filed its tariff for transitioning Missoula City Parks from Flat Rate to Metered Service and Modification to Schedule M. The flat rate presently in effect for the City Parks will remain for one year then transition to metered service. Then the City Parks will be charged at a metered rate. This will allow the City Parks with a means to easily reflect the cost of metered service in its budget process. The additions to Schedule M are needed to coordinate the transition from flat rate to metered rates by avoiding any conflict with the provisions of that tariff and the

proposed Schedule CP. Probable Motion: Approve Mountain Water's tariff in Docket N2012.5.55.

5. Central Montana Communications, Inc. N2012.6.63 (Mike)

Central Montana Communications, Inc. (Central) has filed for approval with this Commission Tariff Revisions applicable to the Lifeline Assistance Program for Central. Included in the request is Central's formal Request to Withdraw from participation in the Montana telephone low-income assistance program effective August 1, 2012, pursuant to M.C.A. §69-3-1007. Probable Motion: Approve proposed tariff revisions in Docket No. N2012.6.63.

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

1. D2012.4.38 and D2010.4.39 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement Changes to the Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 – Discuss consolidating the conservation program tracker filing from 2010 with the 2012 tracker filing. (6/19/12)
2. D2012.5.48 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 1) Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance for the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2012, and Projected Gas Cost Tracking for the 12-Month Period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013; and 2) Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance as of April 30, 2012 – Discuss/act on draft interim order. (6/19/12)
3. D2012.3.20 – Energy West, Incorporated – Application for Limited Waiver of Certain Ring-Fencing Requirements in Order 5960a and for Authorization to Engage in Financing Transactions – Discuss and act on Energy West Incorporated's Motion to Reopen Record. (6/19/12)
4. Placeholder – T-11.26.PCN – Douglas E. and Vickie L. Wyant dba Wyant's Shuttle Service – Application for Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Discuss and act on final order. (6/19/12)
5. D2012.1.3 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities – Discuss/act on discovery disputes. (6/19/12)
6. N2012.4.42 – PSC Initiated – FCC Ordered Transition of Intrastate Access Charges – Discuss/act on Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink's Motion for a Protective Order. (6/19/12)

7. N2012.4.42 – Ronan Telephone Company, Hot Springs Telephone Company, Project Telephone Company, Central Montana Communications, Inc., Lincoln Telephone Company, Southern Montana Telephone Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana – Tariff Filings to Comply with the FCC Transitional Order FCC 11-161 July 3, 2012, Intrastate Access Charge Reduction – Discuss and approve Access Charge Tariffs. (6/19/12)
8. D2008.4.36 – PSC Initiated – Investigation Concerning NorthWestern Corporation’s Compliance with Affiliate Transaction Requirements of Order 6505e – Consider NorthWestern Energy’s proposed modifications to the funding options/projects. (6/19/12)
9. NorthWestern Energy’s QF contracts with Musselshell Wind Project LLC and Musselshell Wind Project Two LLC – Discuss procedural options related to these projects including whether the projects constitute a single project under the Commission’s decision in Docket D2010.2.18. (6/19/12)
10. Potential PSC legislation – Consider potential PSC bill proposals to forward to Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee for review, including a draft motor carrier partial deregulation bill and any other bill proposals. (6/19/12)
11. Out of state staff travel – Act on travel requests for (1) Brian Dekiep, WECC System Operations Workshop, July 10-11, 2012, Salt Lake City, UT; (2) Elizabeth Kamback, Brenda Elias and the new ARRA Policy Analyst, Camp NARUC, Aug. 6-17, 2012, East Lansing, MI; and (3) Bob Charles and Dave Jackson to FRA staff meeting in Vancouver, WA, the week of July 16, 2012. (6/19/12)

Other Meetings

6/21/12 – Noon-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar: “Finding the Right Words When Times Get Tough: How Commissions Can Master the Art of Difficult Communications in Crisis Situations”

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

5. Citizens Telecommunications N2012.6.68 (Scott)

On June 12, 2012, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter NO MT-12-03. The purpose of this filing is to introduce new Residential bundled services and grandfather existing Residential bundled services.

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 website at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

1. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana N2012.4.42 (Dennis)

On June 5, 2012, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana filed a Motion for Protective Order for the protection of documentation and worksheets for the Access tariff filings made in compliance with the FCC's Access Reform Order. Specifically the documents demonstrate compliance with the methodology specified in CFR§51.907(b)(1) and CFR§51.909(b)(1), including calculations showing how the Total Intrastate Access Service Revenue at interstate rates was developed, calculations showing how the Total Transitional Intrastate Access Service Revenue at intrastate rates was calculated, and calculations showing how the Step 1 Access Reduction was developed, as well as worksheets showing that the filed tariffs do, in fact, reduce intrastate access revenues by the amount of the Step 1 Access Reduction.

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 website 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 Avenue, 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. D2008.1.6, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and MDU Resources Group, Inc. have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to the MDU Resources Group, Inc.

2.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/United Airlines. – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and United Airlines have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to United Airlines.

3.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2012.6.66 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink – Advice No. 11-37V – Modification of P.S.C. Mont. AC-5 Section 2.3.13, Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

N2012.6.67 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink – Tariff Transmittal 12-AC05 – Revisions to Access Service Tariff – Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

N2012.6.68 – Citizens Telecommunications of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana – Advice Letter No. MT-12-03 – Introduce New Residential Bundled Services and Grandfather Existing Residential Bundled Services