

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-07-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 23, 2012

Commission Meeting: July 26, 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 July 17, 2012

2. Out of State Travel (Nickie)

Staff requests approval of Dave Jackson's travel to Pasco, Washington July 29 to August 3, 2012. Mr. Jackson will receive the necessary training with the FRA to complete the yard air and blue flag certification on power units.
Probable Motion: Approve the out-of-state travel for Dave Jackson.

3. Black Hills Power D2012.6.70 (Eric)

On June 18, 2012, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on June 19, 2012. Requests for hearing were due by July 20, 2012. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$71,175 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

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

1. D2012.5.57 – Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC – Tariff change – Act on the Tariff change. (7/26/12)
2. D2012.5.58 – Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC – Tariff change – Act on the Tariff change. (7/26/12)
3. D2012.5.62 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company – Tariff change – Act on the Tariff Change. (7/26/12)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2012.7.73 (Mike)

On July 2, 2012 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) gave notice of a new consumer utility bill format and requested approval of a change to Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72 (Service Rate 72). The proposed change to Service Rate 72 moves the method used to bill the cost of gas from a bills rendered basis to a service rendered basis at the time of the season change.

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

D2012.7.74 - NorthWestern Energy - Monthly Natural Gas Cost Rate Adjustment for the Period August 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013