

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-08-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 13, 2012
Commission Meeting: August 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 (Judy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of August 6, 2012

2. Willson LLC dba City Cab TN2548 (Nickie)

Montana Tariff Bureau, as agent for Willson LLC dba City Cab, Billings, Montana, in an independent action in its Passenger Tariff No. 3, requests that the fuel surcharge of \$.75 per fare, granted to Willson LLC dba City Cab, Billings, Montana, on April 24, 2012, be continued for the final 90 days allowed under 38.3.3601. If approved the surcharge will expire on November 6, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve the fuel surcharge for a final 90 days.

SUB A Class B – Passengers and their baggage between all points and places within Yellowstone, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon and Big Horn Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad Co. work crews is prohibited. (2) Transportation is limited to the use of motor vehicles with a passenger rated capacity of seven (7) or less.

3. Out of state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of the following out of state staff travel requests: (1) Brian DeKiep and Bob Decker, Western Electricity Coordinating Council training on "Power System Dynamics," October 2-5, 2012, in Salt Lake City; and (2) Dave Lofftus, meeting of Joint Resource Planners Forum/Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation/State-Provincial Steering Committee, October 3-5, 2012, San Diego, CA. Probable motion: Move to approve the travel requests.

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

1. N2012.4.36 – PSC Initiated – Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – Discuss and act on Project Telephone Company's motion for protective order. (8/14/12)
2. Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) bill draft to make an expansion of an existing hydroelectric project an eligible renewable resource – Discuss and act on a PSC comment to ETIC proposing

- clarification of “the actual amount of increased generation capacity produced by the project as a result of the expansion” and elimination of rulemaking requirement. (8/14/12)
3. D2008.4.36 – PSC Initiated – NorthWestern Energy/PSC settlement agreement – Order 6906h – Discuss/act on draft NCA that modifies settlement fund uses. (8/14/12)
 4. Placeholder – T-12.14.PCN – R n R Stagelines, Inc., Stevensville, Montana – Passenger application – Late intervention as a protestant into this docket by Willson LLC Big Sky Sedan Services. (8/14/12)
 5. Placeholder – D2012.3.20 – Energy West, Incorporated – Application for Limited Waiver of Certain Ring-Fencing Requirements in Order 6960a and for Authorization to Engage in Financing Transactions – Discuss/consider draft final order and/or any other issue that may arise in the docket. (8/14/12)
 6. Placeholder – Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Consider approval of comments that the OMS BOD may consider sending to the FERC. OMS BOD meets on Thursday, August 16, 2102. (8/14/12)

Other Meetings

8/14/12 – 1:30-2:00 p.m. – Update on 9-1-1 program by Becky Berger, 9-1-1 Program Manager (Bollinger Room)

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

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2012.8.83 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Heating Zone Boundary Changes