

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 12-10-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 8, 2012  
Commission Meeting: October 11, 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 October 1, 2012

2. Thomas F. Kenneally TN2551 (Nickie)

Thomas F. Kenneally, Butte, Montana, requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana, for a twelve month period, October 12, 2012, to October 12, 2013. Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 4448.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the town of Whitehall, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding eighty (80) miles in any direction from town. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

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

1. D2012.7.76 – Century Tel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and Access Point, Inc. – Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement – Discuss/act on proposed interconnection agreement. (10/11/12)
2. D2012.7.79 – McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. and Sheridan Electric Cooperative – Application for Approval of Boundary Agreement – Discuss and act on McCone Electric and Sheridan Electric’s request for approval of their Boundary Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. (10/11/12)
3. D2012.7.80 – McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. and Lower Yellowstone REA, Inc. – Application for Approval of Boundary Agreement – Discuss and act on McCone Electric and Lower Yellowstone REA’s request for approval of their Boundary Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. (10/11/12)
4. D2012.8.84 – Black Hills Power, Inc. – Application for Approval of a Contract Rate with Butte Pipeline Co. for New Load at its Alzada Station in Carter County, Montana – Discuss/act on draft order. (10/11/12)

5. D2012.8.85 – Black Hills Power, Inc. – Application for Approval of a Contract Rate with Denbury Onshore, LLC for New Load at its Belle Creek Oil Field Operation in Carter and Powder River Counties, Montana – Discuss/act on draft order. (10/11/12)
6. D2010.5.55 – Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc. – Joint Application for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company, LLC and Qwest LD Corp. – Discuss and act on CenturyLink’s Motion for a Protective Order. (10/11/12)
7. 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 draft final order. (10/11/12)

### **Other Meetings**

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.

1. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink                      D2004.1.13                      (Mike)  
Qwest dba CenturyLink/Sprint Communications Company

CenturyLink has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Sprint Communications Company in Docket No. D2004.1.13. The amendment adds terms and conditions relating to ICC VoIP traffic in addition to revised call signaling rules effective December 29, 2011. This amendment was voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved.

2. CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink D2006.3.32 (Mike)  
CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink/Granite Telecommunications

CenturyTel of Montana has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink and Granite Telecommunications in Docket No. D2006.3.32. This amendment was voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved.

**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.

1. **Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) 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, 59601, 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/Western Security Bank – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and Western Security Bank have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Western Security Bank.

- 2.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2012.9.100 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Increase General Natural Gas Rates

D2012.9.101 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Tri Tel, Inc. – Application for Approval of the Adoption of the Terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreements and Any Associated Amendments between Wholesale Carrier Services and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

D2012.10.102 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and CommNet Cellular Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement

D2012.10.103 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Western Wireless, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement

N2012.10.104 - NorthWestern Energy – Request to Accumulate Under and Over Collections of MPSC and MCC Taxes