

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

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For Work Week Commencing: December 3, 2012  
Commission Meeting: December 4, 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 November 26, 2012

2. Shorty's Shuttle LLC TN2553 (Nickie)

Shorty's Shuttle LLC, Roundup, Montana, requests cancellation of their authority, PSC No. 9474, effective immediately. Probable Motion: Approve the cancellation as requested by the carrier.

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.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) N2012.11.117 (Scott)

On November 9, 2012, MDU filed an application requesting authorization to continue to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes. MDU is requesting Commission approval to defer implementation and accrue for later collection the change in the PSC and MCC tax rate to correspond with the next filing of a general rate application or as proposed in part through the pending natural gas rate application in Docket D2012.9.100. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's request in Docket N2012.11.117.

4. Central Montana Communications N2012.11.115 (Scott)

On October 29, 2012, Central Montana Communications requested modifications to its Reduce trunk hunt charges, consolidate several of the non-recurring charges, add the bundle upgrade pricing for Excede services, reduce the charge for additional listing for business, and reduce the charge for non-listed numbers. Probable Motion: Approve Central Montana Communications' request for modifications in Docket N2012.11.115.

5. Ronan Telephone Company N2012.11.119 (Scott)

On November 20, 2012, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed proposed amendments to its Section 6.1 Access Service Tariff. The revised Tariff re-inserts a clause that was inadvertently omitted. The revised clause is "and to terminate calls from customer's premises or from the point of interface

designated by RTC with a customer or carrier to an end user's premises." Since CenturyLink (formerly Mountain Bell) is no longer the default intra-LATA carrier, the language is also being updated to omit any specific reference to CenturyLink. Probable Motion: Approve RTC's request in Docket N2012.11.119.

6. Ronan Telephone Company N2012.11.120 (Scott)

On November 20, 2012, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed proposed amendments to its Lifeline Tariffs. These changes are being made to update the Montana tariffs in conformance with the FCC's 2012 Lifeline Reform Order, *In the Matter of Lifeline and Linkup Reform and Modernization*, FCC Order 12-11, WC Docket 11-42, et al., Released February 6, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve RTC's request in Docket N2012.11.120.

7. Hot Springs Telephone Company N2012.11.121 (Scott)

On November 20, 2012, Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) filed proposed amendments to its Lifeline Tariffs. These changes are being made to update the Montana tariffs in conformance with the FCC's 2012 Lifeline Reform Order, *In the Matter of Lifeline and Linkup Reform and Modernization*, FCC Order 12-11, WC Docket 11-42, et al., Released February 6, 2012. Probable Motion: Approve HSTC's request in Docket N2012.11.121.

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

1. D2012.9.92 – Complaint of Larry Schuster v. NorthWestern Energy – Discuss/act on NorthWestern Energy's Motion to Dismiss. (12/4/12)
2. D2012.9.94 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas Delivery Service Rates – Discuss/act on NorthWestern Energy's objections to data requests. (12/4/12)
3. FERC Order No. 1000 (MISO Compliance Filing) – Consider OMS' draft comments with respect to MISO and the MISO Transmission Owners' compliance filing for FERC Order No. 1000 regarding regional planning and cost allocation of transmission projects with regional benefits. (12/4/12)

**Other Meetings**

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**

D2012.11.122 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment – Rate 35