

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 13-02-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 25, 2013  
Commission Meeting: February 28, 2013, 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 February 18, 2013

2. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC D2004.9.149 (Mike)  
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Talk America Inc.

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Talk America in Docket No. D2004.9.149. The amendment implements certain terms and conditions of the USF/ICC Transformation Order released by the FCC on November 18, 2011. Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Talk America in Docket No. D2004.9.149.

3. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC D2001.1.7 (Mike)  
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA  
Telecommunications Services, LLC dba PAETEC Business Services

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC dba PAETEC Business Services in Docket No. D2001.1.7. The amendment implements certain terms and conditions of the USF/ICC Transformation Order released by the FCC on November 18, 2011. Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services dba PAETEC Business Services in Docket No. D2001.1.7.

4. Project Telephone Company D2008.7.87 (Mike)  
Project Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility

Project Telephone Company has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between Project Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2008.7.87. The amendment implements certain terms and conditions of the USF/ICC Transformation Order released by the FCC on November 18, 2011. Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendment to

the interconnection agreement between Project Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2008.7.87.

5. Nemont Telephone Cooperative D2008.7.89 (Mike)  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility

Nemont Telephone Cooperative has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2008.7.89. The amendment implements certain terms and conditions of the USF/ICC Transformation Order released by the FCC on November 18, 2011. Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2008.7.89.

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

1. D2012.6.65 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 2012 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing – Schedule QFLT-1 – Discuss and act on Northwestern Energy’s Motion to Consolidate Docket D2012.6.65 with Dockets D2006.6.94, D2007.6.59, D2008.6.62, D2009.7.95, D2010.6.62, and D2011.6.54. (2/28/13)
2. D2012.10.108 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – Application for Authority for Deferred Accounting – Discuss and act on MDU’s request for authority for deferred accounting treatment for costs associated with the clean-up of the manufactured gas plant site located in Billings, Montana. (2/28/13)
3. DV-03-10080 – Whitehall Wind judicial review – Update the Commission on the status of the Whitehall Wind judicial review and receive Commission direction as necessary. (2/28/13)
4. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction and PSC response to bills. (2/28/13)

### **Other Meetings**

**2/27/13 12-1:30 p.m. – NRRI Teleseminar – “Consumers and the IP Transition” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)**

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.

**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>.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2012.5.49 (Jason)

On February 12, 2013, the Commission granted in part and denied in part Pratt & Whitney Power Systems, Inc.'s (PWPS) motion for protective order. The Commission granted PWPS' motion for intervention, and granted protection for PWPS' responses to NWE's questions or concerns about PWPS products and their performance, including PWPS' response to warranty claims; technical data and drawings regarding PWPS' products; PWPS' root cause analysis; PWPS' parts repair quotes; PWPS' standard terms and conditions for overhaul and repair of products; and detailed contract pricing information. The Commission denied protection of NorthWestern Energy's warranty claims.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

None