

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-04-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 8, 2013
Commission Meeting: April 11, 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 April 1, 2013

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Eric)

Staff requests approval of the following travel requests: (1) Ousmane Loum to attend the Security Development Conference, May 14-15, 2013, in San Francisco, CA and the Visual Studio Live! Conference, August 19-23, 2013, in Redmond, WA; and (2) Dagan Lynch to attend the EUCL course, "Depreciation Fundamentals for Utilities & Energy Companies," May 6-7, 2013, in Denver, CO. Probable motion: Move to approve the staff travel requests.

3. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. N2013.1.1 (Joel)

On March 21, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requested the Commission approve Rate 53, which is the tariff reflecting the costs associated with moving poles and wires to accommodate structure moves. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's Rate 53.

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

1. D2012.9.100 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas Service – Discuss and act on interim order. (4/11/13)
2. Placeholder – D2012.9.100 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas Service – Discuss and act on the Montana Consumer Counsel's Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and Vacate the Hearing Date. (4/11/13)
3. Centralized Services Division administrator position – Discuss status and terms of a possible offer for the Centralized Services administrator position. (4/11/13)

Other Meetings

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

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1. Wettington Water District, Inc. N2013.4.24 (Leroy)

On April 1, 2013, Wettington Water District, Inc. filed for a language change in its tariff. It requested to change the statement under Late Fees from "Whenever payment is not received by the 20th of the month" to "Whenever payment *in full* is not received by the 20th of the month."

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.

1. April 8-10, 2013 – Energy Imbalance Market/State Provincial Steering Committee/Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation meeting, Boise, ID – Four Commissioners attending.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2013.3.20 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of its 2013 Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Charge Rate Adjustment

D2013.4.22 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Approval of Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90

D2013.4.23 – Telrite Corporation dba Life Wireless – Application for Limited Designation as a Non-Rural Wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

N2013.4.24 – Wettington Water District, Inc. – Tariff Modification – Change language under Late Fees