

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-04-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 22, 2013
Commission Meeting: April 23, 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 15, 2013

2. BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. D2013.3.19 (Eric)

On March 19, 2013, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Application and Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on March 22, 2013. Requests for hearing were due by April 20, 2013. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$91,300 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

3. Yellowstone Pipe Line Company N2013.4.26 (Leroy)

On April 10, 2013, Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (YPL) filed to add a new destination to Montana P.S.C. Tariff No. 49.2. Two YPL shippers have requested a connection from YPL Booster Station to Cenex Harvest State's (CHS) Yale Tank Farm. The connection allows product to move from YPL Booster Station to CHS tankage, enabling increased supply to CHS during an upcoming refinery turnaround. The project will cost approximately \$80,000, and has a limited 6-month life. The proposed tariff of \$0.60 per barrel will recover the capital investment and generate a return on investment during the 6-month life. All potential shippers have agreed to the proposed rate. The new routing has an end date of October 31, 2013, unless extended by the carrier. Probable Motion: Approve Yellowstone Pipe Line Company's proposed addition of a new destination in Montana P.S.C. Tariff No. 49.2.

4. CenturyLink N2013.4.25 (Gary)

On March 28, 2013, CenturyLink filed Tariff Transmittal 13-02. CenturyLink is requesting to standardize its tariff language for the Maintenance of Service Charge. The charge is capped at \$85.00 per service call. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink Tariff Transmittal 13-02 in Docket N2013.4.25.

5. Out-of-state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of the travel requests of Brian DeKiep and David Lofftus to attend the Scenario Planning Steering Group and Transmission

Expansion Planning Policy Committee meeting in Salt Lake City, May 21-23, 2013. 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. Placeholder – D2012.7.81 – Mountain Water Company – Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Water Service to its Missoula, Montana, Customers – Discuss and act on the Montana Consumer Counsel's Motion to Strike Testimony. (4/23/13)
2. D2012.9.94 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas Delivery Service Rates and Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design – Consider whether or not to accept the Revenue Requirement and Cost Allocation Stipulations. (4/23/13)
3. Docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0660, RIN 2060-AQ91, relating to the New Source Performance Standards for electric generating units – Consider submitting public comment in the docket. (4/23/13)

Other Meetings

4/24/13 – 12-1:30 p.m. – NRRI Teleseminar, “Line Extensions for Natural Gas: What Are the Major Considerations for Public Policy?” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

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 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. 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/Dorsey & Whitney – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and Dorsey & Whitney have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Dorsey & Whitney.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2013.4.28 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition for a Declaratory Ruling on the Availability of Order No. 7199d Rates to United Materials of Great Falls, LLC for a 13-Year Contract for Delivery During Only Part of Each Year