

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-08-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 12, 2013
Commission Meeting: August 13, 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 August 5, 2013

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

1. D2013.5.31 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Propane Cost Account Balance and Rate Adjustment for Townsend Propane Supply – Discuss/act on final order. (8/13/13)
2. D2011.10.89 – PSC Initiated – In the Matter of Telephone Number Conversation – Discuss/act on draft final order requiring mandatory number pooling. (8/13/13)
3. Proposed rules regarding simplified regulatory treatment options for small water/sewer utilities – Review revised draft rules and discuss/act on initiating formal rulemaking. (8/13/13)

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. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. D2013.7.58 (Eric)

On July 31, 2013, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a period ending December 31, 2015, \$250,000,000 of short-term financing in the form of unsecured promissory notes and/or commercial paper. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development purposes, and for other general corporate purposes.

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>.

1. Qwest Communications and CenturyLink, Inc. D2010.5.55 (Brenda)

On July 31, 2013, Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc., applied for a protective order for the protection of financial information contained in the annual Synergy Report, filed with the Commission pursuant to Order 7096c, Condition 4h. Qwest and CenturyLink request a standard protective order to protect claimed trade secrets from being publicly disclosed.

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.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2013.7.58 – MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Application for Authority to Issue Short-Term Securities

D2013.8.59 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Montana, Inc. dba MetTel – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

N2013.8.60 – PSC Initiated – Maximum Allowable Rates for Intrastate Operator Service Providers