

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 13-08-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 19, 2013  
Commission Meeting: August 20, 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 12, 2013

2. 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. Probable Motion: Grant MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application to issue up to \$250,000,000 of short-term financing.

3. Amendments to Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

The following amendments to existing interconnection agreements have been filed with the Commission. The amendments have been properly noticed, and no comments or objection to the amendments have been received by the Commission. The amendments are voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved. Details of the amendments have been included with the filing and are available on the Public Service Commission's website.

D2002.1.3 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC – Filed May 16, 2013

D2011.2.15 – CenturyLink and Celco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – Filed June 14, 2013

D2013.4.30 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Western Montana CommunityTel, Inc. – Filed June 28, 2013

Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendments to interconnection agreements in the following dockets: D2002.1.3, D2011.2.15, and D2013.4.30.

4. Missoula Community Health Services, Inc. T-13.20.OTSC (Nickie)

On July 23, 2013 an Order to Show Cause was issued to Missoula Community Health Services, Inc. dba Mineral Community Hospital, Superior, Montana, PSC No. 9408 for failure to file a 2012 Annual Report. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received by the motor carrier on

July 26, 2013. Cliff Case, CFO of Missoula Community Health Services, Inc. requests cancellation of PSC No. 9408. Probable Motion: Cancel PSC No. 9408 as requested.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Mineral and Missoula Counties, Montana. LIMITATIONS: Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

5. Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. TN2582 (Brenda)

Dave Michael as personal representative for the James E. Michael estate, Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana, requests that PSC No. 56 be suspended for a final six month period August 15, 2013, to February 15, 2014. Probable Motion: Grant the final 6 month suspension as requested.

Class B - Persons, baggage and express within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and between points and places tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said City of Kalispell.

SUB A Class B - Persons within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said city.

SUB C Class B - Persons and hand luggage between all points and places within the town of Kalispell, Montana.

6. Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. TN2583 (Brenda)

Dave Michael as personal representative for the James E. Michael estate, Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana, requests that PSC No. 9364 be suspended for a final six month period August 15, 2013, to February 15, 2014. Probable Motion: Grant the final 6 month suspension as requested.

SUB B Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Lincoln and Sanders Counties. Limitations: Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. Transportation by limousine is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited. 3) Transportation of passengers, baggage and express between points and places in Libby, Montana, and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof is prohibited. 4) Transportation of passengers, baggage and express between points and places in Eureka, Montana, and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof is prohibited.

SUB C Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Eureka, Montana, and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

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

1. D2013.5.40 and D2013.6.47 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and Qwest Communications Company, LLC dba CenturyLink QCC in Docket D2013.5.40 and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and 365 Wireless, LLC in Docket D2013.6.47 – Applications for Approval of Interconnection Agreements – Discuss and act on proposed interconnection agreements. (8/20/13)
2. T-13.10.PCN – Cinda Marie Stephens dba Butterfly Taxi – Application for Class B authority to transport passengers in rate regulated service in Flathead County – Discuss and act on any matters involving the hearing and application of Butterfly Taxi including, but not limited to, considering whether to dismiss Iron Eagle as a protestant and cancel the hearing scheduled for August 23, 2013. (8/20/13)
3. D2013.6.44 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 2013 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing – Schedule No. QFLT-1 – Discuss/act on draft final order. (8/20/13)
4. D2013.4.22 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement Changes to the Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 – Discuss/act on draft final order. (8/20/13)
5. **8/22/13 9:00 a.m.** – Discuss draft economic impact statement regarding the Commission's proposed QF rules amendment (MAR Notice 38-5-218), prepared at the request of legislators pursuant to 2-4-405 MCA – Obtain direction regarding submitting the economic impact statement to the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee. (8/22/13)

**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.

**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. All five Commissioners were invited to attend the Gordon Butte Pumped Storage Project public meeting & site visit to be held August 22, 2013, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kiwanis Youth Center in Harlowton. It is unknown how many Commissioners will accept the invitation. This notice is being provided in the event that three or more Commissioners attend the event.

### **New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2013.8.61 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition for Certification of a Community Renewable Energy Project