

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 13-12-03**

Date Published: November 27, 2013  
For Work Week Commencing: December 2, 2013  
Commission Meeting: December 3, 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 November 25, 2013

2. NORTHWESTERN ENERGY N2013.11.81 (Elizabeth)

On November 18, 2013, Northwestern Energy (NWE) requested the Commission approve a thermal zone boundary change. NWE recently disconnected the Bow-Havre pipeline from the Havre pipeline, and the gas associated with that line has been rerouted. The result is that the content of the natural gas in Zones 8 and 9 is the same, eliminating the need for both zones. Therefore, NWE will eliminate Zone 9 and move those customers into Zone 8. Probable Motion: Move to Approve NWE's request to eliminate Zone 9 and move those customers into Zone 8.

3. Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC TN2594 (Nickie)

Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC, Whitefish, Montana, PSC No. 9015, requests suspension for a six month period, November 22, 2013, to May 22, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the suspension as requested.

Class B - 1) Persons, baggage and express within Flathead County, Montana and 2) Persons and baggage between all points and places in Flathead County, Montana and the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison. Limitations: 1) Movements both originating and terminating within the city limits of Kalispell, Montana are prohibited. 2) Carrier is precluded from operating vehicles with a seating capacity above eight with the exception of the transportation of children and attendants originating or terminating in Columbia Falls and nine (9) miles to or from Big Mountain. 3) Carrier is precluded from transporting Burlington Northern train crews. 4) Transportation of the following is prohibited. Audit and accounting media, data processing media and business records; processed and unprocessed film and microfilm, and incidental supplies relating to snapshots and microfilm; non negotiable securities; non negotiable bank checks and valuable papers between all points and places in the State of Montana.

4. OUT-OF-STATE STAFF TRAVEL (Kate)

Staff seeks approval of the following travel for Engineering & Pipeline Safety Unit staff members to attend required pipeline safety training courses in 2014:

**KAMBACK, ELIZABETH**

PHMSA-PL1297 Gas Integrity Management (IM) Protocol Course TQ, OK 08/19/2014 08/22/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3291 Fundamentals of (SCADA) System Technology and Operation Course TQ, OK 03/03/2014 03/07/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3322 Evaluation of Operator Qualification (OQ) Programs Course TQ, OK 04/02/2014 04/04/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3275 General Pipeline Safety Awareness Course Athens, AL 03/17/2014 03/21/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3355 Safety Evaluation of Control Room Management Programs TQ, OK 08/25/2014 08/29/2014  
 PHMSA-PL1245 Safety Evaluation of Distribution Integrity Management Programs (DIMP) Course TQ, OK 04/23/2014 04/25/2014  
 PHMSA-PL5342 Safety Evaluation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) TQ, OK 10/27/2014 10/31/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3267 Fundamentals of Integrity Management Course TQ, OK 07/21/2014 07/25/2014

**TIERNEY, JOEL**

PHMSA-PL5342 Safety Evaluation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) TQ, OK 10/27/2014 10/31/2014

**TORSKE, JOHN**

PHMSA-PL1297 Gas Integrity Management (IM) Protocol Course TQ, OK 08/19/2014 08/22/2014  
 PHMSA-PL1255 Gas Pressure Regulation and Overpressure Protection Course TQ, OK 05/20/2014 05/22/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3322 Evaluation of Operator Qualification (OQ) Programs Course TQ, OK 04/02/2014 04/04/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3275 General Pipeline Safety Awareness Course Athens, AL 03/17/2014 03/21/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3600 Root Cause/Incident Investigation Course TQ, OK 04/28/2014 05/02/2014  
 PHMSA-PL1310 Plastic and Composite Materials Course TQ, OK 02/24/2014 02/28/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3355 Safety Evaluation of Control Room Management Programs TQ, OK 08/25/2014 08/29/2014  
 PHMSA-PL1245 Safety Evaluation of Distribution Integrity Management Programs (DIMP) Course TQ, OK 10/15/2014 10/17/2014  
 PHMSA-PL5342 Safety Evaluation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) TQ, OK 10/27/2014 10/31/2014  
 PHMSA-PL3267 Fundamentals of Integrity Management Course TQ, OK 07/21/2014 07/25/2014

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

1. Placeholder – D2012.3.33 – Energy West Montana – Application to Make Interim Adjustments Final and to Reconcile the Gas Cost Tracking Mechanism by Increasing Rates by \$263,726 – Obtain direction and decision on draft final order. (12/3/13)
2. N2013.5.32 – PSC Initiated – 2013 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – Discuss and act on motions for protective orders: 1) West River Cooperative Telephone Company, 2) Reservation Telephone Cooperative, and 3) CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink. (12/3/13)

3. D2013.11.80 – Commnet Wireless, LLC – Application for Conditional Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purposes of Participating in the Federal Communications Commission’s Tribal Mobility Fund Phase 1 Auction – Discuss and act on Commnet’s application. (12/3/13)
4. Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Advisory Council – Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy – Consider whether to submit comments regarding the council’s state management plan, regarding its impacts on power lines and energy development. (12/3/13)

### **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 website at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

1. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) N2013.5.32 (Gary)

On November 27, 2013, Qwest filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment of certain information on the Rate Floor Certification filed pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(h).

2. CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyTel) N2013.5.32 (Gary)

On November 27, 2013, CenturyTel filed a Motion for Protective Order seeking confidential treatment of certain information in the tribal section of the FCC Form 481 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier filed with the Commission.

**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>.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2013.11.82 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment