

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

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For Work Week Commencing: December 9, 2013
Commission Meeting: December 12, 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 December 2, 2013

2. Amendments to Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

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

D2006.1.5 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Zayo Group, LLC (Filed October 30, 2013).

D2000.11.200 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and One Eighty Communications (Filed October 30, 2013).

D2006.3.41 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Montana Opticom (Filed October 24, 2013).

D2002.6.68 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications (Filed September 17, 2013).

D2002.6.68 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications (Filed September 20, 2013).

Probable Motion: Move to approve the amendments to the interconnection agreements.

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

1. Placeholder – D2012.9.100 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas Service – 1) Discuss whether to approve the MDU-Montana Consumer Counsel stipulation and provide direction to staff, and 2) Discuss and act, if necessary, on MDU's motion for second interim order. (12/12/13)
2. D2013.11.82 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment – Rate 35 – Discuss/act on draft interim order. (12/12/13)

3. D2013.10.75 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and Vision Net Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on proposed interconnection agreement. (12/12/13)
4. N2013.5.32 – PSC Initiated – 2013 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – Discuss and act on Amended Motions for Protective Orders. (12/12/13)
5. N2013.5.32 – PSC Initiated – 2013 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – Discuss and act on certification of Montana ETCs for 2014 high-cost and low-income USF support. (12/12/13)
6. T-13.27.ST – Carrie Anne Pintar dba Amazing Adventures – Sale and Transfer of PSC No. 9482 – Discuss and decide whether to accept the protests of Billings Yellow Cab LLC and Vance Vanderpan dba Greater Valley Taxi. (12/12/13)
7. T-13.27.ST – Carrie Anne Pintar dba Amazing Adventures – Sale and Transfer of PSC No. 9482 – Discuss and act on the sale and transfer of PSC No. 9482 to Lightning Ram, Inc., dba Bozeman Airport Express. (12/12/13)
8. MCR Gas Transmission – Abandonment of MCR transmission line – Discussion/information for Commission. (12/12/13)
9. FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 12-375 – Discuss and get direction on filing reply comments involving inmate calling services by the December 30, 2013, deadline. (12/12/13)

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. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Justin)

On December 3, 2013, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment of any of the eleven hydroelectric facilities’ Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations. This includes annual safety inspections and reports, portions of the emergency action plans, and other CEII for the hydroelectric facilities that is requested through discovery or included in testimony.

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

To be filed: D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate PPL Montana’s Hydroelectric Facilities, for Approval of Inclusion of Generation Assets Cost of Service in Electricity Supply Rates, for Approval of Issuance of Securities to Complete the Purchase, and for Related Relief

D2013.12.86 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Approval of a Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio for Program Years 2014 through 2016 – Rate
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