

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-12-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 16, 2013

Commission Meeting: December 17, 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 9, 2013

2. Sun Tours TN2595 (Brenda)

Edward DesRosier dba Sun Tours, East Glacier Park, Montana, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9220 for the period November 1, 2013, to May 1, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the suspension as requested.

Class B - Persons originating and terminating in Glacier County on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to points in Glacier National Park, Flathead County, and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

3. Bowker Sanitation LLP T-13.28.ST (Nickie)

On October 25, 2013, Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation LLP, Culbertson, Montana, filed an application to transfer PSC No. 5039 to Bowker Enterprises LLC, Culbertson, Montana. The transfer application was noticed to the public on November 6, 2013, and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 5039 as applied for.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste within the City of Culbertson, and a 20 mile radius thereof.

SUB A Class D - Garbage within the town of Bainville, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

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

1. N2013.4.29 – PSC Initiated – Investigation into Electric and Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Programs and Funding – Discuss comments received at USB roundtable as well as initial written comments on USB issues and provide direction to staff as to next steps. (12/17/13)

2. D2012.7.81 – Mountain Water Company – Application to Increase Rates for Water Service in Missoula, Montana – Discuss and act on the Montana Consumer Counsel’s motion for reconsideration. (12/17/13)
3. 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 – Discuss and act on NorthWestern’s Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of the Hydroelectric Generating Facilities’ Critical Energy Infrastructure Information. (12/17/13)
4. D2013.12.83 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees – Discuss/provide direction to staff on initial notice. (12/17/13)

Other Meetings

12/17/13 – 1-2:30 p.m. – MISO presentation/discussion – overview of major topics (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

12/18/13 – 12-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar, “Lost and Unaccounted-for Gas: Interpreting the Numbers” (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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1. NorthWestern Energy N2013.12.87 (Mike)

On December 11, 2013, NorthWestern Energy filed to revise its Qualifying Facility QF-1 Tariff reflecting the reduction to the standard rate eligibility threshold in ARM 38.5.1902 from 10 MW to 3 MW in accordance with the Montana Administrative Register Notice 38-5-218. The tariffs are effective for service on and after November 14, 2013.

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>.

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

D2013.12.83 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees

N2013.12.87 – NorthWestern Energy – Tariff Letter No. 255-E – Electric Utility revised Qualifying Facility QF-1 Tariff reflecting the Seller nameplate capacity changing from 10 MW to 3 MW in accordance with Montana Administrative Register Notice 38-5-218