

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-02-04**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 3, 2014
Commission Meeting: February 4, 2014, 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 January 27, 2014

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

1. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for approval to purchase PPL hydro facilities – Discuss and determine the adequacy of NorthWestern’s application pursuant to section 69-8-421, MCA. **(2/3/14)**
2. D2012.1.2 – Five Valleys Gas – Five Valleys Gas true-up filing for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 – Act on default order. (2/4/14)
3. D2013.11.78 – CenturyLink – Waiver, In Part, of 69-3-805(1), MCA – Discuss and act on CenturyLink’s Motion for Reconsideration and Motion for Protective Order. (2/4/14)
4. D2013.9.63 – MT Moonlight Basin Water and Sewer LLC – Application of MT Moonlight Basin Water and Sewer LLC for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Membership Interest – Discuss and act on Application. (2/4/14)
5. PSC proposed rules for small water and sewer utilities – Discuss proposed rules/possible revisions and act on them and/or provide direction to staff. (2/4/14)

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>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 24, 2014, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Capital Expenditure Information and Brief in Support. NWE is requesting confidential treatment of references to specific capital expenditures for pond liners and bag houses at fossil units, references to Colstrip Unit 1 & 2 generator rewind and drag chain capital expenditures, and references to Colstrip Unit 3 & 4 generator rewind issues.

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>

1. CenturyLink N2013.5.32 (Laura)

On December 20, 2013, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the *Motion for a Protective Order* filed by CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyLink on November 27, 2013. See Or. 7303c.

2. CenturyLink D2008.1.6 (Laura)

On January 16, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission denied in part and granted in part the Motion for a Protective Order filed by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC on October 31, 2013. See Or. 6889p.

3. CenturyLink D2013.11.78 (Laura)

On January 22, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission denied in part and granted in part the Motion for a Protective Order filed by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyLink on October 31, 2013. See Or. 7324.

4. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 23, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Projections and Brief in Support of NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed January 10, 2014 of confidential estimates and projections of future incremental prices and revenue developed by PPL EnergyPlus, LLC for existing wholesale and retail contracts that NWE will not be acquiring as part of its agreement to purchase the hydroelectric facilities. See Order 7323c.

5. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 23, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information and Brief in Support of NorthWestern Energy filed January 10, 2014 to protect (1) Outputs from PA Consulting's analysis and modelling; (2) inputs for PA Consulting's analysis and modelling; (3) market projections and expert statements and conclusions made by PA Consulting's energy market experts; and (4) information PA Consulting has licensed from third parties and agreed under license terms to not publish. See Order 7323d.

6. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 28, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information and Brief in Support of NWE filed January 17, 2014 to protect the description column and the annual amount columns of the itemized list of capital expenditures (PPL Capital Expenditures) for the generation facilities currently owned by PPL Montana, LLC. See Order 7323e.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2014.1.10 - Public Service Commission - PSC Inquiry into Possible Telecommunications Reform Legislation

N2014.1.11 - Public Service Commission - PSC Investigation into Off-System Hedging Transactions and Mechanisms

D2014.1.12 - Five Valleys Gas Company - Monthly Gas Tracker Adjustment for Propane Service in its Seeley Lake MT Service Area Effective for the Period January through December 2014

D2014.1.13 - Cut Bank Gas Company - Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment Effective for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2014