

**REVISED**  
**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA NO. 14-02-25**

Date Published: February 20, 2014  
For Work Week Commencing: February 24, 2014  
Commission Meeting: February 25, 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 February 17, 2014

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of Gary Duncan's travel to Albuquerque, NM, where he will serve as one of the instructors of "The Basics" regulatory training course held at New Mexico State University, May 11-16, 2014, and again October 12-17, 2014. Probable motion: Move to approve the travel request.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2014.1.1 (Joel)

On February 12, 2014, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. requested approval to update its cost schedule for cutting or moving lines to accommodate structure moves. This cost schedule is designated as Rate 53. Staff recommends approval. Probable Motion: Approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Rate Schedule 53.

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

1. D2014.1.14 – NWE – BPA Residential Exchange Program Credit Adjustment – Discuss and act on NWE's proposed Residential Exchange Program adjustment. (2/25/14)
2. D2013.12.89 – Big Sky Gas LLC – Petition for a waiver of ARM 83.5.6002(1) and 38.5.6004(3) – Discuss the Petition for Waiver submitted by Big Sky Gas LLC. (2/25/14)
3. D2014.1.7 – Crazy Mountain Wind, LLC – Petition for Declaratory Ruling Discuss and act on the Petition for Declaratory Ruling of Crazy Mountain Wind, LLC. (2/25/14)
4. D2010.2.14 – Complaint of James T. Gruba et al. v NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on NWE's Objection to Complainants' First Request for Admissions and First Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents; Complainants' Request for Subpoena. (2/25/14)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. 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 February 18, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information to protect as trade secret PPL Montana's contract list transferred to NorthWestern in the course of negotiations concerning acquisition of hydroelectric assets. These contracts contain descriptions, end-dates, and amounts that reveal PPL Montana's future capital expenditures, operations, and maintenance at the hydroelectric facilities.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On February 18, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information to protect as a trade secret: two financial models developed by UBS Investment Bank for PPL Montana in connection with the proposed transaction ("Financial Models"); a Confidential Information

Memorandum related to the proposed transaction (“CIM”); and a November 2012 Management Presentation from PPL Montana to NorthWestern (“Management Presentation”). The Financial Models and CIM contain projected, future information about PPL EnergyPlus’s Western Power Marketing business. The Management Presentation contains forecasts of uncontracted generation from PPL Montana’s generation fleet through 2019.

3. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On February 18, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information to protect information created from PA Consulting Group’s services as trade secret. PA Consulting Group provided consulting services to PPL Corporation, which was later conveyed to NorthWestern in Corporation Project Mustang Independent Energy Market Summary Report and a November 2012 Management Presentation. Specifically, this motion seeks information generated by PA Consulting’s financial analysis and modelling that NorthWestern categorizes as results, inputs, expert opinions, and third-party protected information.

**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.

**Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements**

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mt. 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

- 1.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Bank of America have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Bank of America.
- 2.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and O'Reilly Automotive Stores have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to O'Reilly Automotive Stores.
- 3.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Starbucks Coffee have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Starbucks Coffee.
- 4.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Washington Corporations have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Washington Corporations.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2014.2.20 - Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Montana, Inc. d/b/a MetTel - Application for Interim Arrangement of the Terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreements

N2014.2.21 - Public Service Commission - 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports