

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-3-27**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 24, 2014
Commission Meeting: March 27, 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 March 17, 2014.

2. Plentywood Sanitation Company TN2607 (Brenda)

Dale W. Adams dba Plentywood Sanitation Company, Plentywood, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1602 to Lonnie J. Johnson dba as Plentywood Sanitation, Plentywood, Montana for six months from March 17, 2014 to September 17, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the continued Lease of PSC No. 1602 as requested.

Class C - Property within the town of Plentywood, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said town. Limitations: Transportation of property between points served by railroads within the said radius of said town is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB A Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage within the town of Plentywood, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty five (25) miles in any direction from said town.

3. Eastern Montana Taxi & Transportation LLC TN2608 (Brenda)

Sherry R. Vogel dba Eastern Montana Taxi and Transportation LLC, Baker, Montana requests further suspension of PSC No 9485 from March 18, 2014 to September 18, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the continued suspension of PSC No 9485 as requested.

Class B - Passengers, in rate regulated service between all points and places in Baker, Montana and a 250 mile radius thereof. LIMITATION: Transportation must originate or terminate in Fallon County, Montana.

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

1. PSC No. 9199 - Medicab LLC, Missoula, Montana – Discuss and receive direction on carrier compliance and possible order to show cause. (3/24/14)
2. D2014.2.22 – Yellowstone Pipeline – Tariff Rates – Act on draft final order. (3/24/14)
3. D2010.2.14 – Complaint of James T. Gruba et al. v. NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on Complainants' Request for Extension of Time to File Testimony of Ed Smalley. (3/24/14)
4. Public Utility Annual Reports – Discuss and act on rescinding the previous Commission order on annual report filings. (3/24/14)
5. D2013.12.85 - NorthWestern Energy – Application to Purchase and Operate PPL Montana's Hydroelectric Facilities – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's objections to data requests. (3/24/14)
6. D2013.12.85 - NorthWestern Energy – Application to Purchase and Operate PPL Montana's Hydroelectric Facilities – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's three Motions for Protective Orders regarding:
 - a) PPL Montana's contract list describing future capital expenditures, operations, and maintenance at the hydroelectric facilities;
 - b) UBS Investment Bank's financial models, PPLM's Confidential Information Memorandum, and PPLM's November 2012 Management Presentation; and
 - c) PA Consulting Group data used in Corporation Project Mustang Independent Energy Market Summary Report and a November 2012 Management Presentation. (3/24/14)
7. D2014.1.9 – Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC – Petition for a declaratory ruling on Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC as an Eligible Renewable Resource and a Community Renewable Energy Project – Determine if Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's proposed corporate structure can qualify as an Eligible Renewable Resource and a Community Renewable Energy Project under the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. 69-3-2003. (3/24/14)

Other Meetings**3/26/14 12-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar re: “Net Neutrality: Where Do We Go From Here?” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)**

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.

1. On March 10, 2014, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Inc., submitted its request to register a government contract to operate as a motor carrier under a federal contract, GLAC002-14, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated §69-12-324. As the main concessioner for Glacier National Park, Xanterra is contractually obligated to provide transportation services in and around Glacier National Park, including tours given on the iconic Red Buses, built by the White Motor Company in the 1930's.

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 (Jeremiah)

On March 6, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed a *Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information* in Response to Data Requests PSC-130 and MCC-202 to protect as trade secret requested documents that had been provided by PPL Montana to NorthWestern in an online data room. These documents make reference to capital expenditure projects, specific operations, and maintenance projects.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jeremiah)

On March 7, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed a *Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information* in Response to Data Request PSC-131. The requested information reveals Ascend Analytics, LLC's (Ascend) billing rates for services to NorthWestern. Ascend initially performed consultant and software services in resource evaluation for NorthWestern and expanded its contract to include work on Hydroelectric Assets.

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.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2014.3.27 – Energy West Montana Inc. – Monthly Gas Tracking Application for the Period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015