

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-04-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 14, 2014
Commission Meeting: April 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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10:45 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

11:00 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 April 7, 2014

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

Staff requests approval of the travel request of Bob Charles to attend an FRA meeting in Vancouver, WA, May 12-16, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the staff travel request.

3. CenturyLink N2014.4.32 (Scott)

On March 31, 2014 CenturyLink filed Tariff Transmittal 14-01. This filing introduces two new bundle options for business customers, Core Connect 2 and Core Connect 2 Lite. The CORE CONNECT® regulation will apply for the existing and the new bundles. Consequently, a number of regulations are moving to different pages and being revised to accommodate multiple bundle options. These revisions do not impact current customers or the manner in which their services will be continue to be provided. CenturyLink is requesting an effective date of April 29, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink's Tariff Transmittal 14-01 in Docket N2014.4.32.

4. Fitzgerald Transportation Inc. TN2611 (Nickie)

Fitzgerald Transportation, Inc., Jordan, Montana, has submitted an affidavit in lieu of revenue under the Class D, garbage authority held under PSC No. 9488GC. He has the state contract, awarded in 2013, to serve the rest area at Flowing Wells and because of the small amount of revenue he requested to be paid once a year on the anniversary of the contract. Probable Motion: Approve the affidavit in lieu of required level of service/revenue.

Class D – garbage under a contract with the Montana Department of Transportation, Purchase Order No. 310831, authorizing service to the Flowing Wells Rest Area and Maintenance Yard, located approximately 26 miles east of Jordan, Montana for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

5. E & D Garbage Service TN2612 (Brenda)

Ethan Lindell & Drake Burch dba E & D's Garbage Service, Ekalaka, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 2938 to E & D's Garbage Service LLC,

Ekalaka, Montana for the period April 15, 2014 to October 15, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 2938 as requested.

Class D - Garbage and refuse in the City of Ekalaka, Montana, and between all points and places within a five mile radius of said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorize

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

1. D2013.11.78 – CenturyLink – Waiver, In Part, of 69-3-805(1), MCA – Discuss and act on Motion of Bresnan Broadband of Montana, LLC for Protective Order. (4/15/14)
2. D2006.10.146 – Salish Shores Utility Corporation – Request for extension of time to file – Act on request. (4/15/14)
3. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on certain NorthWestern Motions for Protective Order filed February 18 and March 6, 2014. (4/15/14)
4. DV-13-399 – NorthWestern Energy – 2012 Electric Tracker Appeal (2d Jud. Dist.) – Discuss litigation strategy (potential settlement) (work session may be closed). (4/15/14)

Other Meetings

4/14/14 – 5:00 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Lewistown (no web audio feed)

4/15/14 – 6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Bozeman (no web audio feed)

4/16/14 – 6:30 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Livingston (no web audio feed)

4/17/14 – 5:00 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Billings (no web audio feed)

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>

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

D2014.4.33 - Hot Springs Telephone Company - Motion for Term Protective Order and Affidavit of Kathe A. Johnson in Support of Term Protective Order

D2014.4.34 - Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. - Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates

D2014.4.35 - Southern Montana Telephone Company - Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates

D2014.4.36 - Central Montana Communications Inc. - Local Network Access Line Service - Monthly Recurring Charges

D2014.4.37 - Ronan Telephone Company - Motion for Term Protective Order and Affidavit of Judy G. Preston in Support of Term Protective Order