

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-04-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 28, 2014
Commission Meeting: April 29, 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 April 21, 2014

2. Black Hills Power D2014.3.29 (Eric)

On March 24, 2014, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on March 28, 2014. Requests for hearing were due by April 24, 2014. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$204,149 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable Motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

3. Circle Z Enterprises T-14.5.ST (Brenda)

On March 25, 2014 Fred M. Zweifel d/b/a Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9270 to Historic Tour Company, LLC, Virginia City, Montana. This application was noticed to the public on April 2, 2014 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 9270 as requested.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Virginia City and a two mile radius thereof.

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

1. D2014.2.20, D2014.3.24, and D2014.3.26 – D2014.2.20 (Citizens Telecommunications and Metropolitan Telecommunications), D2014.3.24 (CenturyTel and Blackfoot Communications), and D2014.3.26 (CenturyLink and ABCN Telecom, Inc.) – Interconnection Agreements – Discuss and act on proposed interconnection agreement in each docket. (4/29/14)
2. Placeholder – D2012.3.20 – Energy West Montana – Monthly Reports on line of credit – Discuss/obtain direction. (4/29/14)
3. Placeholder - D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application to Purchase and Operate PPL Montana's Hydro Electric Facilities – Discuss and act on

the Montana Consumer Counsel's Objection to Data Requests, Motion for Protective Order and Alternative Motion for Extension of Time. (4/29/14)

4. Pipeline Safety Summary for CY 2013 – Update Commission on Pipeline Safety activities for 2013 and goals for 2014. (4/29/14)

Other Meetings

4/28/14 – 5:30 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Butte (no web audio feed)

4/29/14 – 6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Anaconda (no web audio feed)

4/30/14 – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. NRRI teleseminar: “How Well Do Alternative Rate Mechanisms Comport with Regulatory Objectives?” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

4/30/14 Montana/Idaho/Washington/Oregon public utility commissioners' meeting with BPA (Portland, OR)

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. CenturyLink N2014.4.41 (Scott)

On April 15, 2014 CenturyLink filed Tariff Transmittal 14.02. In this filing they are requesting to revise the Competitive Response business plan, Nonrecurring Add A Line Waiver.

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 April 22, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information in response to documents contained in data requests PSC-130 and MCC-202. The requested information reveals individually negotiated, bilateral contracts between PPL Montana and contractors which include detailed information on the technical specifications, operational capacity, and design of certain hydroelectric facilities to be acquired.

2. Lincoln Telephone Company N2014.2.21 (Justin)

On April 16, 2014, Lincoln Telephone Company (Lincoln) filed a Motion for Term Protective Order to protect from disclosure employee compensation information from Schedules 27 and 28 of the PSC Annual Reports.

3. Southern Montana Telephone Company N2014.2.21 (Justin)

On April 14, 2014, Southern Montana Telephone Company (SMTC) filed a Motion for Term Protective Order to protect from disclosure employee compensation information from Schedules 27 and 28 of the PSC Annual Reports.

4. CenturyLink N2014.4.38 (Gary)

On April 18, 2014, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for a Protective Order to protect from disclosure information provided in response to the March 18, 2014 PSC staff letter requesting certain service quality reports pursuant to ARM 38.5.3360 and 38.5.3371(7).

5. Commnet Wireless D2013.11.80 (Gary)

On April 10, 2014, Commnet Wireless LLC filed a Motion for a Protective Order to protect from disclosure information provided in response to PSC Order No. 7319 regarding the FCC Form 680 Montana Project Description filed with the FCC as the result of Commnet being awarded Tribal Mobility

Funds to provide wireless broadband service on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

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

D2014.4.40 - Front Range Pipeline LLC - Proposed Front Range Pipeline Tariff - Montana PSC No. 21

N2014.4.41 - CenturyTel of Montana Inc. - Tariff Transmittal 14-02 - Competitive Response business plan, Nonrecurring Add a Line Waiver

D2014.4.43 – NorthWestern Energy - Petition of NorthWestern Energy for the Commission to set Terms and Conditions of Contract between NWE and Greenfield Wind, LLC