

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-05-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 19, 2014
Commission Meeting: May 20, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

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1:00 p.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

1:30 p.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 May 12, 2014

2. D2013.10.76 CenturyLink QC (Kate)

On March 21, 2014, CenturyLink QC filed a petition requesting that the Commission waive the requirement that CenturyLink QC file confidential versions of the reports regarding its wholesale service performance under the newly adopted Performance Assurance Plan that was approved in this docket. According to CenturyLink QC's petition, the waiver will permit the company to submit monthly non-confidential versions of its performance results, subject to the understanding that CenturyLink QC will maintain the confidential data in the event that the Commission or its staff wishes to review it later. Probable Motion: Move to grant the waiver as requested.

3. Citizens N2014.5.48 (Scott)

On May 2, 2014, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-14-05. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Selective Call Forwarding and Multiple Simultaneous Call Forward features. Citizens is requesting this filing to become effective on June 2, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve Citizen's Advice Letter No. MT-14-05 in docket N2014.5.48

4. Lux Transfer & Storage, Inc. TN2613 (Nickie)

Lux Transfer & Storage, Inc., a Montana Corporation, Bozeman, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 1582 to InterWest Montana LLC d/b/a InterWest Moving & Storage, Bozeman, Montana for a 6 month period May 20, 2014 to November 20, 2014. Probable Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 1582 for six month May 20 to November 20, 2014.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

- SUB A Class C - Property within the City of Bozeman, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.
Limitations: Transportation of ashes, waste, trash, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.
- SUB B Class C - Property between all points and places within Madison and Beaverhead Counties. Limitations: 1) Transportation of commodities in bulk or bag, mobile homes, farm equipment or supplies, construction equipment or supplies, or items of a Mercer description is prohibited. 2) All traffic shipments must consist of truckload (TL) shipments only. 3) All shipments must move from one consignor and be destined to one consignee. 4) All shipments must terminate within twenty-five miles from points of origin.

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

1. D2014.4.42 – NWE/Townsend Propane – Application for propane supply cost account balance amortization and rate adjustment – Act on Interim Order. (5/20/14)
2. D2014.3.28 – McCone Electric Co-op and Fergus Electric Co-op – Boundary Agreement between McCone Electric and Fergus Electric – Discuss and act on proposed boundary agreement. (5/20/14)
3. Executive Planning Process (EPP) Review proposed EPP items and discuss additional EPP items. (5/20/14)

Other Meetings

5/20/14 -5:00 p.m. – Public Meeting – D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Hydro Assets Purchase – Helena

5/21/14 – 2:00 p.m. – Oral Argument – D2014.1.5 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities (Bollinger Room)

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. 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 D2013.10.77 (Jason)

On May 7, 2014, Gaelectric, LLC (Gaelectric) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of certain information to be filed in this Docket. Gaelectric seeks to protect, "All information submitted directly by Gaelectric . . . in response to NorthWestern's solicitation for renewable energy projects in 2012 or in other proceedings," which "took the form of detailed build-to-own proposals for wind projects meeting [the] CREP standard," specifically "information about Gaelectric's capital costs, meteorological data, monthly wind profiles, proposed sales price components such as turbine prices, finance costs and other data, equipment warranty terms, business partners and references, financial statements, various technical specifications, and landowner lease and option agreement terms."

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.10.77 (Jason)

On May 8, 2014, Oversight Resources, LLC (OR) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* as well as an *Amended Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of certain information to be filed in this Docket. OR seeks to protect portions of the proposal (RFP Proposal) that it submitted to NorthWestern Energy for "an expansion of an existing operational wind energy project," specifically, "information taken from the RFP Proposal" that reveals "detailed financial, technical, and contract term information derived from OR's proprietary and confidential information."

3. NorthWestern Energy D2013.10.77 (Jason)

On May 8, 2014, Exergy Development Group, LLC (Exergy) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of certain information to be filed in this Docket. Exergy seeks to protect the entire proposal (RFP Proposal) that it submitted to NorthWestern Energy “for the development and construction of a wind/solar energy project,” as well as related communications. Alternatively, Exergy seeks to protect specific “information taken from the RFP Proposal” that reveals “detailed financial, technical, and contract term information derived from Exergy’s proprietary and confidential information.”

4. NorthWestern Energy D2013.10.77 (Jason)

On May 9, 2014, Martinsdale Wind Farm LLC (Martinsdale Wind) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of certain information to be filed in this Docket. Martinsdale Wind specifically seeks to protect “information regarding the multiple wind turbine makes and models it proposed to use,” in response to NorthWestern Energy’s August 2012 request for proposal, including: (1) “the turbine power curves, which indicates generation capacity of the turbines and their capabilities to deliver steady power at various wind speeds”; and (2) “information regarding competitive pricing offered by a vendor to Martinsdale Wind for certain wind turbines, as well as the deadlines to purchase the turbines at the stated rate.”

5. NorthWestern Energy D2013.10.77 (Jason)

On May 12, 2014, WKN Montana II, LLC (WKN) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of “information contained in or related to its September 2012 response to NorthWestern’s August 2012 request for proposal,” including: “(i) development fees and pricing information from which the development fees can be derived; (ii) pro forma financial analysis; (iii) wind data; and (iv) third-party turbine price and other turbine supply 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.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None