

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 14-09-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 22, 2014  
Commission Meeting: September 23, 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 September 15, 2014

2. Out of state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of the travel request of Elizabeth Kamback to attend a required pipeline safety training course regarding Distribution Integrity Management Programs, October 15-17, 2014, in Oklahoma City. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel request.

3. Williams Water Works N2014.8.77 (Leroy)

On August 21, 2014, Williams Water Works (WWW) submitted its application to increase its rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. WWW elected to use the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM 38.5.2528. WWW is proposing to phase in the increase to minimize rate shock to its customers. WWW is proposing to increase its rates for flat rate customers from \$18.00 per month to \$28.00 per month on October 1, 2014, to \$35.00 on April 1, 2015, to \$42.00 on October 1, 2015 and to \$50.00 on April 1, 2016. The monthly metered charge for commercial accounts will increase to \$40.00 on October 1, 2014 with a commodity charge of \$2.00 per thousand for usage above 10,000 gallons. This new commodity charge will actually be less for usage above 20,000 gallons per month. It is presently \$2.35 per 1,000. Probable Motion: Move to approve the application.

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

1. N2014.4.45 – PSC – 2014 Certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC's) for 2015 Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) Support – Receive certification approval for Montana ETCs for 2015 USF Support. (9/23/14)
2. D2012.11.122 & D2013.11.82 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Annual True-Up Rate 35 – Discuss and act on Final Order. (9/23/14)
3. N2013.9.66 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Discuss proposed Commission comments on the IRP. (9/23/14)

**Other Meetings**

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

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1. Alpine Pacific Utilities N2014.9.80 (Leroy)

On September 11, 2014, Alpine Pacific Utilities (APU) submitted its application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. APU elected to use the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM 38.5.2528. APU is requesting to use the Standard Rates and Tariffs initial rates of \$50.00 per month for water service and \$30.00 per month for sewer service beginning January 1, 2015. APU is also requesting the Standard Ancillary Charges as established by the Commission. APU will serve 22 customers to start, 41 have purchased lots in the subdivision, and has a potential market of 104 at full build out in this subdivision.

**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**

- N2014.9.80 - Alpine Pacific Utilities - Application for Standard Rates
- D2014.9.81 - Black Hills Corporation - Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
- N2014.9.82 - Central Montana Communications Inc. - Section 4 – Local Network Access Line Service – Monthly Recurring Charges
- D2014.9.83 - Mountain Water Company - Application for Power Cost Tracking Adjustment
- D2014.9.84 - Public Service Commission - Pass Through of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding of the Department of Public Service Regulation
- D2014.9.85 - Public Service Commission - Pass Through of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding the Montana Consumer Counsel