

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-07-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 27, 2015

Commission Meeting: July 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.

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1:15 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 July 20, 2015.

2. Black Hills Power D2015.6.50 (Scott)

On June 19, 2015, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. An Amended Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on July 16, 2015. Requests for hearing were due by July 27, 2015. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$155,794 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. MDU Resources Group, Inc. Docket D2015.7.56 (Eric)

On July 10, 2015 MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a period ending December 31, 2017, \$250,000,000 of short-term financing in the form of unsecured promissory notes and/or commercial paper. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development purposes, and for other general corporate purposes. Probable Motion: Grant MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application to issue up to \$250,000,000 of short-term financing.

4. Dame Nue, Inc. dba Dumpjunk TN2638 (Nickie)

On July 20, 2015 Dame Nue, Inc. dba Dumpjunk, Bozeman, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 9475. Probable Motion: Approve the cancellation of PSC No. 9475 as requested.

Class D – Garbage within the city of Bozeman, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

LIMITATIONS: 1) Transportation is limited to the following items: television sets, couches, beds, mattresses, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, heaters, air conditioners, lawn mowers, snow blowers, bicycles, motorcycles, entertainment centers, shelves, desks, filing cabinets, dressers, tables, chairs, boats, kayaks, water troughs and feed troughs. 2) Transportation is limited to Gallatin and Madison Counties.

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

Staff requests approval for Margo Schurman to travel to Portland, OR, August 6-7, 2015, for a meeting of the Northern Tier Transmission Group/Western Planning Regions work group regarding the FERC Order 1000 procedures document. Probable Motion: Move to approve the staff travel request.

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

1. (Placeholder) D2014.12.99 – Liberty Utilities Co. – Joint Application for Approval of a Sale and Transfer of Stock – Discuss/act on City of Missoula’s Renewed Motion to Dismiss or Stay the Proceedings and Renewed Motion for Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. to Appear in these Proceedings. (7/28/15)
2. D2015.4.40 – Townsend Propane/NWE – Application for propane supply cost account balance and rate adjustment – Discuss/act on final order. (7/28/15)
3. Rulemaking regarding Telephone Extended Area Service rules ARM 38.5.1301 through 38.5.1315 – Discuss/act on filing the notice of amendment and repeal with the Secretary of State. (7/28/15)
4. Video streaming – Discuss our current video streaming system and staff recommendation to bid on and purchase a new system. (7/28/15)
5. Job description – Regulatory Division Administrator position – Discuss the job description for the Regulatory Division Administrator position and moving forward with the process. (7/28/15)

Other Meetings

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

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<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>

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

D2015.7.57 - Application of Cut Bank Gas Company for Annual True Up of Gas Costs for 2014

D2015.7.58 - NorthWestern Energy - Revised Electric USB Allocations Post Senate Bill 150