

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 16-3-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 7, 2016

Commission Meeting: Friday, March 11, 2016, 3:15 p.m.

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3:15 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 February 29, 2016.

2. James M. Kenneally TN2651 (Brenda)

James M. Kenneally, Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana for a one year period, January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 4448 as requested.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the town of Whitehall, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding eighty (80) miles in any direction from town. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

3. AA Moving Storage & Transfer T-16.3.ST (Brenda)

On December 22, 2015 AA Moving Storage & Transfer LLC, Whitefish, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 408 to Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Co., Helena, Montana. The application was noticed to the public on January 7, 2016 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 408 as applied for.

Class C - Property within the City of Whitefish, Montana, and an eight (8) mile radius thereof and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not to exceed fifty (50) miles of said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

4. Hi Line Taxi TN2652 (Brenda)

Aneta Jones dba Hi Line Taxi, Havre, Montana. requests waiver of 38.3.601(a) ARM that requires compliance be met within 30 days of the grant of a Certificate of Compliance. Aneta Jones is requesting the date of March 24, 2016 to meet compliance. Probable Motion: Approve the request as applied for.

Class B Passengers, in rate regulated service, between all points and places in Blaine and Hill County, Montana.

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

1. Placeholder - D2013.9.71 – Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owners' Association – Identify additional issues. (3/11/16)
2. D2015.6.51 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Discuss and act on the Stipulation; Guidance regarding the Final Order. (3/11/16)

Other Meetings

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. Lincoln Telephone Company D2016.2.22 (Robin)
Lincoln Telephone Company

On February 26, 2016, Lincoln Telephone Company (Lincoln) filed a Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates pursuant to 69-3-901 *et. seq* Montana Code Annotated. Lincoln states the proposed increase in rates in this filing are due to investments in fiber and electronics, increased costs for electronics, materials, maintenance, and professional fees, reduced revenues from reforms to the Federal Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation, and the need to meet FCC benchmark local service rates to maximize universal service support. Lincoln is proposing to increase its Residence Measured Local Exchange Access rate from \$16.00 per month plus \$0.09 per minute for outgoing calls within the Helena EAS region to \$18.00 per month plus \$0.09 per minute for outgoing calls within the Helena EAS region, and its Business Measured Local Exchange Access rate from \$18.25 per month plus \$0.09 per minute for outgoing calls within the Helena EAS region to \$20.45 per month plus \$0.09 per minute for outgoing calls

within the Helena EAS region. The proposed increase will affect 169 residential subscribers and 23 business subscribers.

Any subscriber affected by the proposed rate increase or decrease may petition the Commission to review and determine the rates within 60 days, pursuant to MCA 69-3-906. Affected subscribers or interested parties may review the filing on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov>, at the office of the Commission, or at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel.

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

D2016.2.18 – Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC - IN THE MATTER OF the Interconnection Agreement, Unbundled Networks Elements, Ancillary Service and Resale of Telecommunication Service between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC & Windstream NuVOX, LLC., for the State of Montana

N2016.2.19 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana – Promotional Offering

D2016.2.20 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, LLC's Application for Approval of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Amendment

N2016.2.21 – PSC Investigational/Inquiry - Annual Update by Registered Billing Aggregators of Service Providers

D2016.2.22 – Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF Lincoln Telephone Company's Notice of Increase in Local Service Rates

N2016.2.24 – PSC Investigational/Inquiry - 2015 Annual Electric Reliability Report