

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 16-6-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 27, 2016

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction: This agenda is the Commission's agenda for the work week designated. In the beginning part of each week prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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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 June 20, 2016.

2. PSC Initiated – 2016 FCC Mandated Intrastate Access Charge Fifth Step Rate Reduction N2016.4.36 (Gary)

Docket No. N2016.4.36 is the 2016 FCC mandated Intrastate Access Charge Fifth Step Rate Reduction. The FCC, in its November 18, 2011 Transformation Order, ordered that Price Cap Carrier intrastate terminating access rates be reduced to bill-and-keep over 7 years and

Rate-of-Return carriers reduce their intrastate terminating access charges to bill-and-keep over nine years. The fifth annual reduction is to be effective July 1, 2016. The following entities have filed transitional intrastate terminating access revised tariffs for Commission approval: CenturyTel dba CenturyLink, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, Ronan Telephone Company, and Hot Springs Telephone Company. Recommended Motion: Move to approve the intrastate access terminating access tariffs filed in Docket No. N2016.4.36.

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

1. D2016.5.43 – Hot Springs Telephone Company - Discuss and act on Hot Springs Telephone Company's request for an Interim Order Approving its Rate Increase in order to be compliant with the FCC's mandated Rate Floor by July 1, 2016. (6/28/16)
2. D2015.7.52 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on Interim Order. (6/28/16)
3. D2015.7.53 - NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on Interim Order. (6/28/16)
4. D2016.6.51 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Discuss and act on Interim Order. (6/28/16)
5. Placeholder - D2014.12.99 – Liberty Utilities Co. - Discuss and decide whether to approve the Settlement Agreement proposed by Mountain Water. (6/28/16)

### **Other Meetings**

**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 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.

**Transportation Notice Items:** Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final order on the application without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items:** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 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 Mont. Admin. R. 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**

D2016.6.51 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment