

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 16-11-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 28, 2016

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

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**Action Items:** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of November 14, 2016.

2. Lifeline Program Tariff Changes N2016.11.86 (Tina)

On November 10, 2016, the Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Staff Action requesting carriers with tariffs on file with the Commission submit a filing to remove descriptive wording in their tariff regarding Lifeline and replace it with a brief explanation that they provide

Lifeline as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission. The following carrier has submitted tariffs in compliance with the November 10 notice:

Hot Springs Telephone Company

Probable Motion: Approve the tariff filing as submitted.

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

1. D2016.1.8 – NorthWestern Energy – IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy’s Hydroelectric Facilities Purchase Compliance Filing - Discuss and act on the filing. (11/29/16)

### **Other Meetings**

11/29/16 – 1:00 PM – Roundtable Discussion: Review of Passenger Motor Carrier Statutes in Response to ETIC Legislation (Bollinger Room)

**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, either by mail or hand delivery, 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 via the PSC's public comment email, [psc\\_utilitycomment@mt.gov](mailto:psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov). A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

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following carriers have submitted tariffs in compliance with the November 10 notice:

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier  
Communications of Montana  
Project Telephone Company

2. CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink D2015.6.48 (Mike)  
CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink / Level 3 Communications

CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink has filed for approval with this Commission an Amendment to the interconnection agreement between CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications in Docket No. D2015.6.48. Details of the amendment have been included with the filing and may be viewed on the Public Service Commission website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under the Docket D2015.6.48.

3. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink D2002.6.68 (Mike)  
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4. Cut Bank Gas D2016.11.87 (Dagan/Robin)

On November 14, 2016, Cut Bank Gas Company ("CBG") filed its Application for Annual True-Up of Gas Costs for 2015 with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). CBG provided a true-up of its gas costs for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. This true-up resulted in an under-collection by CBG of (\$39,904).

**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 be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by **December 21, 2016**. 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.

### **Certificate of Compliance**

#### **T-16.36.COC - Mountain Vistas Management Services, LLC dba Mountain Runner Shuttles, 498 Jardine Road, Gardiner, Montana 59030**

Class B - Passengers in rate regulated service between all points and places within the State of Montana.

**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 Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week**

### **New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week**