

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 16-12-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 12, 2016

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 9:30 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 website 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 (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 5, 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 carriers have submitted tariffs in compliance with the November 10 notice:

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a/ CenturyLink

Probable Motion: Approve the tariff filing as submitted.

3. Out-of-state travel (Mandi)

Staff requests approval for Mandi Hinman to travel to Denver, CO to attend the Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference. The conference runs from May 21-24, 2017 and is put on by the Government Finance Officers Association. Probable Motion: Approve the out-of-state travel.

4. Out-of-state travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Elizabeth Torske to travel to Phoenix, AZ February 6-10, 2017 to attend the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Cathodic Protection 1 Class (Pipeline Corrosion Control). Probable motion: Move to approve the out-of-state travel.

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

1. D2013.9.71 - Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owner's Association - Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owner's Association's Complaint against ABACO Energy Services, LLC - Discuss and act on Shoshone's request for the Commission to take jurisdiction over ABACO. (12/13/16)

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, 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. A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Fox Hill Utilities, LLC D2016.11.92 (Scott)

On November 30, 2016, Fox Hill Utilities, LLC (Fox), submitted its application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. Fox elected to use the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM 38.5.2528 for all users of its water and sewer system. Under the terms of the proposed standard rate tariff, Fox is proposing each user would pay a flat rate charge of \$50.00 per month for water usage and a flat rate of \$30.00 per month for sewer usage. Fox also proposed to adopt Standard Ancillary Charges for Small Water and Sewer Companies of \$25 for payment refused as a result of insufficient funding, \$50 reconnection charge, and 1% per month on interest on past due balances. Notification of this proposal was mailed by Fox to all users on November 22, 2016. Fox is requesting a January 1, 2017, effective date for this tariff.

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 decision on the application (including a decision by delegation of authority to Commission staff pursuant to established internal operating procedures) 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 Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week

D2016.12.93 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment - Rate 35
D2016.12.94 – Public Service Commission - IN THE MATTER OF Licensed Natural Gas Suppliers - Annual Reports
N2016.12.95 - Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana - Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a/ Frontier Communications of Montana - Administrative Filing
D2016.12.96 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - IN THE MATTER OF the Application for Authority to Implement a Tracking Adjustment for Montana State and Local Taxes and Fees - Gas and Electric Utility Service
D2016.12.97 - NorthWestern Energy - IN THE MATTER OF the Application of NorthWestern Energy for Automatic Rate Adjustment for Taxes and Fees and the Investigation of the Public Service Commission into Taxes and Fees

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week

*TN2665 - Edward Des Rosier dba Sun Tours, East Glacier Park, Montana request suspension of PSC No. 9220 from December 1, 2016 to May 15, 2017

*** Qualifies for Staff Action. Upon receipt of a written request by a commissioner or an interested person submitted within five (5) business days of the date published on this Agenda, the Commission will review this item.**