

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-10-16**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 15, 2012
Commission Meeting: October 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.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 October 8, 2012

2. R 'n' R Stagelines, Inc. T-12.14.PCN (Nickie)

On June 15, 2012, R 'n' R Stagelines, Inc., Stevensville, Montana, submitted an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on July 19, 2012, and protests were received. The applicant has received federal interstate operating authority that permits intrastate authority and requests that this application be withdrawn and the docket closed. **Probable Motion**: Close the docket as requested and process refunds to the parties.

Class B – Passengers in rate regulated service along a route US 93 Hamilton to Missoula, I90 Missoula to Billings, I 94 Billings to Glendive, MT 16 Glendive to Sidney, MT 200 east to state line, or MT 16 Sidney to Culbertson, US 2 Culbertson east to the state line. Service is authorized in the following counties, Ravalli, Missoula, Granite, Powell, Jefferson, Broadwater, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Yellowstone, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Prairie, Dawson, Richland and Roosevelt Counties.

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

1. D2010.9.90 – Energy West Montana – Application to Establish Increased Service Rates in its Great Falls, Cascade and West Yellowstone Service Areas – Consider Energy West's Compliance Filing Relating to Modification and Approval of Contract with Montana Refining Company. (10/16/12)
2. D2010.4.39 and D2012.4.38 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Applications to Implement Changes to the Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 – Consider proposed rates to recover costs for the period March 2009 through February 2012. (10/16/12)
3. N2011.8.70 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – 2011 Integrated Electric Resource Plan – Consider drafted comments on MDU's integrated resource plan. (10/16/12)

Other Meetings

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

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1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) N2012.10.104 (Scott)

On October 1, 2012, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2012. Due to a lack of materiality NWE has chosen to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax increases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 website at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

1. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) Multi-State and Individual Case Basis Agreements

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.6, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1.) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC/United States Postal Service – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) and United States Postal Service have signed a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to United States Postal Service.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2012.10.105 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana – New Business Bundled Service