

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 18-11-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 12, 2018

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018, 1:15 p.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018, 1:30 p.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 _____ (Rhonda)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 29, 2018.

2. Hot Springs Telephone Company _____ [D2018.10.69](#) _____ (Mike)

On October 3, 2018, Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) filed a Petition with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) to de-tariff optional local service calling features pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-807(2) and § 69-3-802. HSTC requests the Commission waive the tariffing requirements of §§ 69-3-

805(1)(e) and 69-2-301, MCA. The specific calling services HSTC requests to be de-tariffed are contained in Exhibit A of the Petition. Charges for basic residential and business telephone service will remain in tariff. HSTC's Petition is available for public review on the Commission's website. – Recommended Motion: Move to approve the request of Hot Springs Telephone Company in Docket D2018.10.69

3. Hot Springs Telephone Company [N2018.9.58](#) (Mike)

On September 21, 2018, Hot Springs Telephone Company filed a request for approval to revise its VoIP Access Tariff. The filing is made to incorporate FCC requirements into Hot Spring Telephone's state access tariff. Specifically, Hot Springs Telephone Company is revising its state access tariff to bill certain intrastate VoIP traffic at the interstate access rate. – Recommended Motion: Move to approve the request from Hot Springs Telephone Company to revise its VoIP Access Tariff.

4. Telecommunications Interconnection Agreement [D2018.8.50](#) (Mike)
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and Onvoy Spectrum, LLC

Citizens Telecommunications Company and Onvoy, LLC have entered into and filed for approval with this Commission an interconnection agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. A full copy of the interconnection agreement is available for public review on the Commission's website. – Recommended Motion: Move to approve the interconnection agreement filed in D2018.8.50.

5. Telecommunications Interconnection Agreement [N2018.8.55](#) (Mike)
CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Onvoy Spectrum, LLC

CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Onvoy Spectrum, LLC have entered into and filed for approval with this Commission an interconnection agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. A full copy of the interconnection agreement is available for public review on the Commission's website. – Recommended Motion: Move to approve the interconnection agreement filed in N2018.8.55.

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

1. [D2017.2.11](#) – Miller Oil Company dba The City Line – Annual True-up of its Propane Cost Tracking Adjustment – Discuss/act on Miller Oil Company's filing (11/15/18)

2. [D2017.12.89](#) – Energy West Montana – EWM’s compliance filing to implement Universal System Benefits programs in its West Yellowstone service territory pursuant to Order 7587a – Discuss EWM’s West Yellowstone USB plan filing (11/15/18)

Other Meetings:

None

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.

None

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/For-Regulated-Utilities/Compliance-Materials#undefined>. 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.

None

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>.

1. CenturyLink / Dex Media, Inc. [D2016.8.64](#) (Justin)
Dex Media, Inc. ("Dex") filed its *Motion for Term Protective Order and Brief in Support* and the *Affidavit of Greg Supan* on August 28, 2018 seeking protection of its directory distribution information.
2. Montana Dakota Utilities Co. [D2018.9.60](#) (Zach)
Montana Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") filed a *Motion for Protective Order* and supporting *Affidavit of Jason Vollmer* on November 7, 2018, seeking to protect the confidential information responsive to Data Requests MCC-005 through 007, MCC-021, MCC-037 and MCC-048 from public disclosure.

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>.

None

Information Items: All items identified below are for information only.

1. 11/1/2018 - Received new telecommunications registration from Telxmedia Inc. with an anticipated start date in Montana of 1/1/2019.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. [D2018.11.74](#) – Energy West Montana Inc– Energy West Montana, Inc's and Cut Bank Gas Company's Report on GIRC Plans for 2019.
2. [D2018.11.75](#) – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co– Annual PSC Tax Rate Changes Electric and Natural Gas Utility.
3. [D2018.11.76](#) – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co– Annual MCC Tax Rate Changes Electric and Natural Gas Utility.
4. [D2018.11.77](#)– Gallatin Wireless Internet, LLC– Gallatin Wireless Internet, LLC (Gallatin) Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. TN 2724* Calvin L. Wood dba Johnson Air-Land Express, Butte, Montana requests Cancellation of PSC No. 6422.

2. TN 2725* - Glacier Charters, LLC. Whitefish, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9481 for final 6 month suspension from November 7, 2018 to May 7, 2019.

***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.**