

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-12-16**

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Commission Meeting: December 16, 2014, 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 December 8, 2014

2. Central Montana Communications N2014.12.97 (Scott)

On December 3, 2014, Central Montana Communications (CMC) requested to modify its tariff. CMC proposes to delete its monthly vacation rate of \$2.00. Customers who do not need their local telephone service for a period of time will instead be billed under the Reserve Number tariff (also \$2.00 per month). The subscribers' bills will decrease because they will not be billed the subscriber line charge of \$3.25. Probable Motion: Approve CMC request in Docket N2014.12.97.

3. Suave Sedan T-14.1.PCN (Nickie)

Ilan Henry Kaufmann dba Suave Sedan, Laurel, Montana made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on January 13, 2014. The application required a public hearing which was held May 5, 2014. The Commission approved the grant of the requested authority, with a limitation, at the business meeting held August 27, 2014. Final Order 7379 was prepared by the legal staff and submitted for commission signature on November 25, 2014. Mr. Kaufmann is now requesting that the Commission waive the requirement to meet compliance within 30 days (38.3.601(a) ARM) and requests permission to have until March 1, 2015 in which to meet compliance and begin operations.

Class B: - Passengers, in non-rate regulated service, between all points and places in Carbon, Stillwater, and Yellowstone Counties, Montana.
LIMITATION: Service is limited to a single vehicle.

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

1. D2014.4.44 – Ronan and Hot Springs Telephone Companies - Petition for formal rulemaking to repeal the Commission extended area service (EAS) rules - Receive approval to open an informal rulemaking on the EAS rules. (12/16/14)

2. D2014.11.94 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Rate 35 Tracker – Discuss and act on interim order. (12/16/14)
3. D2013.9.71 – Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owners’ Association – Complaint of Shoshone Condominium Hotels Owners’ Association v. Abaco Energy Services, LCC - Discuss and act on whether to grant Abaco’s motion to dismiss Shoshone’s complaint for lack of Commission jurisdiction. (12/16/14)
4. D2014.4.43 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition to set contract terms and conditions for Greenfield Wind, LLC – Discuss and act on NorthWestern and Greenfield’s joint motion to approve settlement agreement. (12/16/14)

Other Meetings

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

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1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2014.8.72 (Jeremiah)

On December 9, 2014, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (“MDU”) filed a Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information in response to documents contained in data requests MCC-080 and MCC-079. MDU believes the requested information reveals non-public financial information provided to the rating agencies which rate MDU's securities and non-public information about unregulated subsidiaries contained in MDU’s consolidating balance sheet.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 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 ARM 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

None