

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 15-02-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 23, 2015  
Commission Meeting: February 24, 2015, 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 weeks of February 2 and February 10, 2015

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of the travel requests of Joel Tierney and Elizabeth Kamback to attend the Western Region meeting of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives, April 27 – May 1, 2015, in Portland, OR. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel requests.

3. CenturyTel of Montana N2015.2.15 (Gary)

On February 2, 2015, CenturyTel filed a Petition for Withdrawal from the Montana Telephone Low-Income Assistance Program (MTAP) pursuant to § 69-3-1007, MCA. Probable Motion: Move to approve the CenturyTel withdrawal from the Montana Low Income Assistance Program.

4. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2015.1.14 (Elizabeth)

On January 27, 2015, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. filed a revised tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4) for Commission approval. Changes in the tariff reflect a change in the current Heating Zones 151 and 152. WBI Energy has informed MDU that Heating Zone 152 is now part of Heating Zone 151. Probable Motion: Move to Approve MDU's request to combine Heating Zone 152 with Heating Zone 151.

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

1. D2014.4.37 – Ronan Telephone Company – 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports – Discuss and review previous commission direction on a motion for protective order based on updated and corrected utility reporting information. (2/24/15)
2. D2014.4.33 – Hot Springs Telephone Company – 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports – Discuss and review previous commission direction on a motion for

- protective order based on updated and corrected utility reporting information. (2/24/15)
3. D2013.5.33/D214.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – 2012-2013/2013-2014 Electric Supply Trackers – Discuss and act on request of Matthew Garhart to appear pro hac vice. (2/24/15)
  4. D2015.1.5 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual filing to adjust its BPA Residential Exchange Program Credit – Discuss and act on NorthWestern’s request to adjust the BPA residential exchange program credit to reflect the end of the court-approved REP settlement benefits give-back to customers. (2/24/15)
  5. D2014.11.92 – Public Service Commission - Request of Montana Public Service Commission for Havre Pipeline Company Service Quality Information – Receive direction from commission regarding how to proceed. (2/24/15)
  6. D2012.6.64 – Complaint of Steven Burch v. NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on NorthWestern Energy’s motion for sanctions, dismissal. (2/24/15)
  7. D2010.2.14 – Complaint of James T. Gruba et al. v. NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on complainants’ second motion for timely ruling on pending matters. (2/24/15)
  8. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (2/24/15)
  9. 2014 Pipeline Safety Review – Review of 2014 Pipeline Safety Program (2/24/15)

**Other Meetings**

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

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1. Central Montana Communication N2015.2.16 (Scott)

Central Montana Communication (CMC) requested to modify their tariffs to, 1) clarify that only business subscribers are eligible for trunk hunting services, 2) allow subscribers to bundle unlimited long distance with their access line, 3) add Extended Reserved Number monthly recurring rates for subscribers who reserve their number longer than 12 months, and 4) add Terminating Call Manager which provides the subscriber the ability to screen callers prior to call completing.

**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>

1. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy D2015.2.18 (Laura)

On February 20, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed a Motion for a Protective Order to protect from disclosure the following four categories of information: (1) site specific wind data and associated meteorological data prepared or acquired by developers, (2) land owner development agreements including leaseholds and royalty agreements under which the developers located and developed their projects, (3) turbine contracts including not only pricing terms but non-price terms such as warranty and service provisions, and (4) financial data such as cost of capital and pro forma financials.

**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>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On January 20, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of Siemens Energy Inc., pertaining to their repair process and pricing information. See Order 7283c.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On January 22, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of NorthWestern Energy, pertaining to coal quality and pricing information related to its interest in Colstrip Unit 4. See Order 7283d.

3. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On February 5, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of PPL Montana, LLC, pertaining to the outage history and forced outage rate at Colstrip. See Order 7283e.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2015.2.17 - PSC Initiated - 2014 Regulatory Annual Reports

D2015.2.18 - NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of a Purchase Power Agreement with a Community Renewable Energy Project, Greycliff Prime LLC