

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 15-09-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 14, 2015

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 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 week of September 7, 2015.

2. PSC Initiated – Operator Service Provider N2015.8.61 (Tina)

Each year the Commission must set new maximum allowable rates for operator service providers, per ARM 38.5.3403(2). The ARM requires the Commission to determine current rates in several categories for AT&T, MCI and CenturyLink, average those rates, add 50%, and that becomes the new rate caps for the upcoming period of October 1 through September 30. A Notice of Commission Action has been routed with the proposed new rate caps that resulted from this year's calculation. Probable Motion: Approve rate caps for Operator Service Providers for October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016.

3. Pass-Through of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding the Montana Consumer Counsel and Public Service Commission  
D2015.9.68 & D2015.9.67 (Dagan)

Sections 69-1-224(4) and 69-1-403(4), MCA, require that the PSC issue orders each year to authorize regulated companies to fully recover in their rates the fees levied on them for the funding of the Montana Consumer Counsel and the PSC. The state Department of Revenue has notified the PSC that the MCC tax rate on regulated companies' gross operating revenues for the period of October 2015 through September 2016 will be 0.0006, a decrease, and the PSC tax rate will be .0023, an increase. Draft orders have been prepared to authorize regulated companies to recover the fees in their rates. Probable Motion: Move to issue the orders as drafted.

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

1. Placeholder – Rasier LLC – T-15.29.COC – Discuss status of application, obtain direction regarding Rasier's proposal for compliance with statutory requirement that application include statement of assets and liabilities, possibly act on motion for protective order concerning projected financial information, and consider any other matters related to the application.  
(9/15/15)

2. N2015.4.39 – PSC Initiated – October 1, 2015 ETC Certification for 2016 Universal Service Fund (USF) Support. (9/15/15)
3. D2015.7.58 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on late petitions for intervention. (9/15/15)

### **Other Meetings**

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

**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 the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments 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 through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**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**

D2015.9.69 – Mountain Water Company – Application for Power Cost Tracking Adjustment