

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REVISED
AGENDA NO. 15-10-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 12, 2015

Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 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 October 5, 2015.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2015.9.67 & D2015.9.68 (Dagan)

On September 28th 2015, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2015. NWE has requested to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax decreases 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.

Order 7437 increased the PSC tax rate. .20% to .23%

Order 7438 decreased the MCC tax rate. .10% to .06%

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

1. D2014.7.63 – Energy West Montana, Inc. – Discuss and act on application for order to make interim adjustments final and to reconcile under-collection of gas costs. (10/15/15)
2. D2015.7.60 – Boulder Hydro Limited Partnership – Discuss and act on Boulder Hydro's Petition for Declaratory Ruling. (10/15/15)
3. D2015.3.27 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on the waiver or reinstate a procedural schedule. (10/15/15)
4. D2014.6.53 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on draft final order. (10/15/15)
5. D2012.1.3 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on lifting the stay granted in Order 7199e. (10/15/15)
6. D2014.7.58 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on whether to identify additional issues. (10/15/15)

7. Placeholder – Railroad Safety – Discuss and act on whether to open an investigative docket concerning railroad safety and consider whether to revise the Commission’s Response to the Legislative Audit Committee’s Performance Audit on railroad safety. (10/15/15)

Other Meetings

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

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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