

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-12-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 30, 2015

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 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 November 16, 2015.

2. Cut Bank Gas (CBG) D2006.2.15 (Dagan)

On February 6, 2006, (CBG) filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval of increased rates for natural gas service to all customers within CBG's service area. The increase was granted in Order 6720c. The order directed CBG to file quarterly reports with the PSC on the company's position. At the time of the order in 2006 CBG had developed serious financial problems over the previous years. CBG had an apparent inability to present a basic rate case, which would satisfy the MCC and PSC staff. Since that time CBG has improved its operating procedures and appears to be able to provide safe and reliable service to customers. Staff believes the quarterly reports are no longer necessary or useful given CBG's improvements and recommends that CBG be relieved of the requirement. Staff has spoken with the MCC and the MCC has no objection to the action.

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

1. N2015.11.85 – PSC Initiated - Montana State Universal Fund Investigation – Discuss and receive approval to open an investigation into the establishment of a state universal fund. (12/1/15)
2. N2015.10.82 – Wettington Water, Inc. – Discuss and act on Wettington's request to adopt the standard rate tariff for water service. (12/1/15)
3. DDV-2015-118 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative – Discuss District Court's Order on Petition for Judicial Review. (12/1/15)
4. D2015.6.51 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Discuss MDU's Stipulation to Narrow Scope of Rate Filing to Withdraw Proposed Demand Charge for Residential Net Metering Customers; Discuss additional issues. (12/1/15)
5. D2015.8.64 – Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC – Discuss and act on Greycliff's Petition for Summary Judgment; Discuss additional issues. (12/1/15)

6. PSC Initiated – Amendment of ARM 38.5.1902(5) Pertaining to Cogeneration and Small Power Production – Discuss and act on rulemaking amendments to ARM 38.5.1902(5). (12/1/15)

Other Meetings

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

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1. Project Telephone Company N2015.11.90 Scott

On November 20, 2014, Project Telephone Company requested to update its Subscriber Line Extension conditions and add Outbound Alternate Caller ID to the Exchange and Network Service tariffs.

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

D2015.11.87 – Black Hills Power, Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF the Application of BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. for Authority to Approve a Contract Rate with Belle Fourche Pipeline Co. at its Belle Creek Station in Powder Drive County, Montana

D2015.11.88 – Black Hills Power, Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF the Application of BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. for Authority to Approve a Contract Rate with Butte Pipeline Co. at its Alzada Station in Carter County, Montana

D2015.11.89 – Black Hills Power, Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF the Application of BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. for Authority to Approve a Contract Rate with Denbury Onshore, LLC at its Belle Creek Oil Field Operation in Carter and Powder River Counties, Montana

N2015.11.90 – Project Telephone Company, Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF Section IV Exchange and Network Services Tariff Revisions