

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-12-08**

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Commission Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 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 30, 2015.

2. In Style Arrivals LLC T-15.51.COC (Brenda)

On October 2, 2015, In Style Arrivals LLC, Belgrade, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on November 4, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

Class B-Passengers in non-rate regulated service between all points and places in Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, Park, and Silver Bow Counties.

3. Magic City V.I.P. LLC T-15.52.COC (Brenda)

With a postmarked date of October 25, 2015, Magic City V.I.P. LLC, Billings, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on November 4, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approved the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

Class B-Passengers in non-rate regulated service between all points and places in the state of Montana. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in one of the following counties: Bighorn, Carbon, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland and Yellowstone.

4. 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. Probable Motion: Approve Project Telephone request in docket N2015.11.90.

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

1. EPA 111(d) – Clean Energy Incentive Program – Discuss draft comment letter for submission to EPA (comment deadline 12/15/15). (12/8/15)
2. N2015.11.91 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on NorthWestern Energy’s Motion for Extension and waiving ARM 38.5.8226(1). (12/8/15)
3. Exempt Staff Pay Increase: SB 418 - Request approval to provide a 50 cent increase in base pay effective on the first day of the first complete pay period that includes January 15, 2016 and January 15, 2017 for exempt staff (Justin, Eric, Mandi, Regulatory Division Chief). This is the same increase to be received by non-exempt staff. (12/8/15)
4. (Closed Work Session) - Regulatory Division Chief Position: Determine further process in hiring of permanent Regulatory Division Chief position. (12/8/15)

Other Meetings

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

12/7/15 – 9:30 a.m. – D2015.10.81 – NorthWestern Energy Tax Inquiry Roundtable (Bollinger Room) – Audio/video feed available

12/8/15 – 10:00 a.m. – D2014.7.58 – NorthWestern Energy 2014-15 Electricity Tracker Hearing (Bollinger Room)

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.

1. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink D2000.11.200 (Mike)
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC / OneEighty Communication

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink has filed for approval with this Commission a UNE Expedites Amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and OneEighty Communication in Docket No. D2000.11.200. Details of the amendment have been included with the filing and may be viewed on the Public Service Commission website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under the Docket D2000.11.200.

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. Black Hills Power Inc. D2015.11.87 (Laura)

On November 19, 2015, Black Hills Power Inc. (BHP) filed a *Motion for Confidential Treatment and For Protective Order*. BHP seeks to protect its First Amendment to its negotiated contract with Bell Fourche Pipeline Company. BHP seeks to specifically protect rate revisions necessary to recover the costs associated with the natural gas-fired Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station.

2. Black Hills Power Inc. D2015.11.88 (Laura)

On November 19, 2015, Black Hills Power Inc. (BHP) filed a *Motion for Confidential Treatment and For Protective Order*. BHP seeks to protect its First Amendment to its negotiated contract with Butte Pipeline. BHP seeks to specifically protect rate revisions necessary to recover the costs associated with the natural gas-fired Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station.

3. Black Hills Power Inc. D2015.11.89 (Laura)

On November 19, 2015, Black Hills Power Inc. (BHP) filed a *Motion for Confidential Treatment and For Protective Order*. BHP seeks to protect its First Amendment to its negotiated contract with Denbury. BHP seeks to specifically protect rate revisions necessary to recover the costs associated with the natural gas-fired Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station.

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

N2015.11.91 – NorthWestern Energy - 2015 Electric Supply Procurement Plan

N2015.11.92 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC - Tariff Transmittal 15-02
- Lifeline Credit

N2015.11.93 – PSC Investigation/Inquiry - IN THE MATTER OF Licensed
Natural Gas Suppliers - Annual Reports

D2015.12.94 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Application to Implement a Fuel
and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment - Rate 35