

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 16-1-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 11, 2016  
Commission Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 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 January 4, 2016.

2. Chinook Disposal Service Inc. T-15.53.ST (Brenda)

On November 25, 2015, Chinook Disposal Service Inc., Chinook, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 1341 to Milk River Disposal, LLC, Havre, Montana. The application was noticed to the public on December 4, 2015 and no protests were received. **Probable Motion:** Approve the transfer of PSC No. 1341 as applied for.

**Class C** - Property within the City of Chinook, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB C **Class D** - Ashes, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the City of Chinook, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of twenty (20) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. LIMITATION: Transportation in Hill County, Montana is prohibited and transportation in the town of Harlem, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius is prohibited.

3. Bayside Disposal, Inc. TN2644 (Brenda)

Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba Disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9412 to City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana for a one year period January 18, 2016 to January 18, 2017. **Probable Motion:** Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 9412.

**Class D** - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places within the city of Cut Bank, Montana and an eleven (11) mile

radius thereof. Carrier is authorized to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

4. NorthWestern Corporation (NOR) D2015.12.97 (Scott)

On December 22, 2015, NOR filed an application seeking authority to issue over a two-year period through and including January 31, 2018, some or all of the following kinds of securities not to exceed in the aggregate \$1.05 billion. The specific types of issuances are: (1) Equity securities of Applicant not to exceed \$250 million, including without limitation, common stock, preferred stock, convertible or unconvertible preferred securities and hybrid securities issuable directly or indirectly by Applicant; (2) Secured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$350 million, including, without limitation: (i) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's Montana mortgage; (ii) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's South Dakota mortgage; (iii) Other secured debt securities; (3) Unsecured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$450 million, including without limitation, subordinated or unsubordinated unsecured debentures, debt securities, notes, commercial paper or other evidences of unsecured indebtedness. The Applicant will use the proceeds to support state-regulated public utility assets, the refunding or repayment of its outstanding obligations and other general corporate purposes. Probable Motion: Grant NorthWestern Corporation's application to issue various securities over a two-year period through January 31, 2018, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1.05 billion.

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

1. EPA 111(d) Federal Plan – Discuss submission of comments to EPA, due 1/21/16. (1/12/16)
2. D2015.10.81 – NorthWestern Energy – Property Tax Tracker – Discuss and act on NorthWestern Energy's property tax application, provide direction to staff. (1/12/16)

### **Other Meetings**

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

1/12/16 – 10 AM – D2015.10.81 NorthWestern Energy Tax Inquiry (Bollinger Room)

1/12/16 – 3:00 PM – Business Meeting, Continued (if necessary)

**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. Citizens Telecommunication N2015.12.96 (Scott)

On December 18, 2015 Citizen filed advice letter No. MT-15-08. The purpose of this filing is to introduce integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Bundled new service.

2. Cut Bank Gas D2015.7.57 (Dagan)

On July 17, 2015, Cut Bank Gas Company (“CBG”) filed its Application for Annual True-Up of Gas Costs for 2014 with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”). CBG provided a true-up of its gas costs for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. This true-up resulted in an over-collection by CBG of (\$124,616).

**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**

D2016.1.1 – Cut Bank Gas Company - Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment effective for the period January 1 through December 31, 2016

N2016.1.2 – PSC Investigation/Inquiry - 2016 Annual Line Moving Charges

N2016.1.3 – PSC Investigation/Inquiry – Renewable Standard Compliance Reporting for 2015

N2016.1.4 – Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC - IN THE MATTER OF CenturyLink's Consolidating its Local Service Ordering and Billing Systems to Streamline Processes and Systems across CenturyLink's Markets