

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REVISED AGENDA NO. 16-9-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 12, 2016

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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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 5, 2016.

2. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2016.8.65 (Scott)

On August 18, 2016, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$1,000,000,000 of long-term financing in the following amounts: (1) the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 of the Company's Common Stock; (2) the issuance of not to exceed \$150,000,000 of the Company's Preferred Stock and/or Preferred Stock A;

(3) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of the Company's secured debt securities; (4) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of stock purchase contracts and (5) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of hybrid securities such as convertible or unconvertible preferred securities, put able or callable instruments. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development including the acquisition of businesses or business assets and for other general corporate purposes. MDU requested that this authority be effective through December 31, 2018.

Probable Motion: Approve MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application to issue securities for a two-year period ending December 31, 2018.

3. Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

The following interconnection agreements and amendments to existing interconnection agreements have been filed with the Commission for approval. Each has been voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved. These interconnection agreements have been properly noticed, and no comments or objection have been received by the Commission. All parties to each of the interconnection agreements are registered telecommunications carriers in Montana. The interconnection agreements have been included with each filing and are publicly available on the Commission's website under its respective docket number.

D2016.2.18 – CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services;

D2016.6.50 – CenturyTel of Montana and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC;

D2016.7.54 – CenturyLink QC and Emergency Networks, LLC;

D2016.7.57 – Ronan Telephone Company and Bresnan Broadband of Montana, LLC.

Probable Motion: Move to approve the interconnection agreements and amendments as filed.

4. Out-of-State Travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Joel Tierney to travel to Oklahoma City, OK, October 17-21, 2016 to attend mandatory PHMSA training: *Safety Evaluation of Gas Pipeline Systems Course*.

Probable Motion: Move to approve out-of-state travel.

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

1. D2015.1.12 – Miller Oil Company d/b/a The City Line – Cost tracker true-up for the Culbertson, MT service area for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 – Discuss and act on the annual true-up. (9/13/16)
2. D2016.3.31 – Ronan Telephone Company – Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding RTC Montana Access Tariffs – Discuss and decide whether briefing and further procedure is necessary or whether the Commission should decline to issue a declaratory ruling. (9/13/16)
3. D2016.9.68 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Change and Establish Natural Gas Delivery Service and Production Rates – Discuss and decide whether to grant NorthWestern’s Motion to Bifurcate this rate case. (9/13/16)
4. D2015.8.64 – Greycliff Wind – Petition to Set Terms and Conditions for a Qualifying Facility – Discuss and decide whether Commissioners want to make editing changes to the draft final order. (9/13/16)
5. D2016.2.17 – Energy West Incorporated – Application for Approval of Corporate Reorganization and Debt Replacement Financing – Discuss and decide on Energy West Incorporated’s Application. (9/13/16)

Other Meetings

9/12/16 - 9:00 AM - NorthWestern Energy Hydro Compliance Hearing (Bollinger)

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 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.

Transportation Notice Items: Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by **September 28, 2016**. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final order on the application without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

Protective Orders – Notice Items: The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 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 Mont. Admin. R. 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

D2016.9.68 - NorthWestern Energy - Request for Authority to Change and Establish Natural Gas Delivery Service and Production Rates.

D2016.9.67 - CenturyTel d/b/a CenturyLink and dishNET Wireline, L.L.C. - Resale Agreement for the State of Montana.

D2016.9.66 - NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of Tariff Schedules for Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.