

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 16-10-25**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 24, 2016

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

General Introduction: This agenda is the Commission's agenda for the work week designated. In the beginning part of each week prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide website located at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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Action Items: All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 17, 2016.

2. Circle H Water, Inc. D2016.9.70 (Micaela)

On September 12, 2016, Circle H Water, Inc. (formerly Northridge Water Company) submitted its application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. Circle H Water elected to use the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM

38.5.2528 for all users of its water system. Under the terms of the proposed standard rate tariff, Circle H Water is proposing each user would pay a flat rate charge of \$50.00 per month for water usage. Notification of this proposal was mailed by Circle H Water to all users on September 9, 2016. Subsequent customer notification, on September 14, 2016 Circle H Water filed with intent to adopt Standard Ancillary Charges for Small Water and Sewer Companies. This filing proposes an additional \$25 for payment refused as a result of insufficient funding, \$50 reconnection charge, and 1% per month on interest on past due balances. Circle H Water is requesting a November 1, 2016 effective date for this tariff. Probable motion: Move to approve Circle H Water application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options using the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM 38.5.2528, in Docket D2016.9.70.

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

1. D2016.5.39 – NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 - Discuss whether to identify additional issues. (10/25/16)
2. Website/Case Management Proposal – Discuss and act on moving forward with website/case management proposal. (10/25/16)

Other Meetings

10/27/16 – 10:00 AM – M Taxi Hearing, Bozeman County Courthouse, 615 S. 16th Avenue, Room 301, Bozeman, MT

10/28/16 – 9:00 AM – Revenue Regulation (Decoupling) Workshop, Montana State Capitol (Old Supreme Court Chambers), 1301 E. 6th Avenue, Helena, MT

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.

1. Frontier Telecommunications of Montana N2016.9.75 (Scott)

On September 27, 2016, Frontier Telecommunications of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-16-03. The purpose of this filing is to standardize the naming and description of nonrecurring charges, introduce a Reconnect Charge and installment Billing option. The application of the nonrecurring charges and associated rates will not change. Frontier request that this filing become effective on October 31, 2016.

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 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

D2016.10.78 – Southern Montana Telephone Company - IN THE MATTER OF Southern Montana Telephone Company's Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates

D2016.10.79 - Big Sky Gas LLC - IN THE MATTER OF a Petition by Big Sky Gas, LLC Requesting Waiver of Certain Provisions of ARM 38.5.6002, 38.5.6004(3) and 38.5.6004(1)

D2016.10.80 - Phillips 66 Carrier LLC - Adoption of Phillips 66 Pipeline Tariffs by Phillips 66 Carrier (MLP) - Transmittal No. 01