

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission Workshop) REGULATORY DIVISION
on Revenue Regulation, also known as)
Decoupling.)

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ON REVENUE REGULATION (DECOUPLING)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Montana State Capitol (Old Supreme Court Chambers), the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) will host a workshop on revenue regulation, also known as decoupling. The purpose of the workshop is to inform and educate the Commission, legislators, other state agencies, and interested stakeholders on how revenue regulation works, how it differs from traditional rate regulation, evaluating whether or not to implement revenue regulation, options for designing revenue regulation mechanisms, and how revenue regulation has worked in states that have implemented it. The Commission’s goal is to facilitate ongoing, informed discussions by Montana’s policymakers and stakeholders on the role, if any, of decoupling in Montana electric and natural gas utility regulation. The workshop will be facilitated by the Regulatory Assistance Project through the Electricity Policy Technical Assistance Program offered by the Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability. An agenda for the workshop is attached to this Notice. Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Eric Sell, Communications Director, 406-444-5772, esell@mt.gov or Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division Administrator, 406-444-6359, wrosquist@mt.gov. Anyone needing accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the workshop should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week prior to the workshop.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
- TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
- KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner
- ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
- BOB LAKE, Commissioner

Montana Public Service Commission



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AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15: Welcome and introductions
- 9:15 – 10:30: Introduction to Revenue Regulation – Richard Sedano
- 10:30 – 11:00: Commissioner questions
- 11:00 – 11:15: Break
- 11:15 – 11:45: How revenue regulation has performed where adopted – Richard Sedano and Ralph Cavanagh
- 11:45 – 12:00: Clarifying questions
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch break
- 1:00 – 2:30: Panel discussion – Richard Sedano (moderator)
Montana Consumer Counsel (Bob Nelson)
NorthWestern Energy (Pat Corcoran)
Montana-Dakota Utilities (TBD)
Natural Resources Defense Council (Ralph Cavanagh)
Large Customer Group (Thor Nelson)
Regulatory Commission Perspective (Greg Sopkin)
- 2:30 – 3:00: Commissioner & attendee questions
- 3:00 – 3:15: Break
- 3:15 – 4:30: General discussion – Opportunities, challenges, and next steps
(moderated/facilitated by Richard Sedano)