

*Montana PSC – One Week Calendar of Scheduled Events  
(This is not an official schedule of PSC activities)*

**January 4 – 8, 2021**

<b>MONDAY 04</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 05</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM</b> – Weekly Scheduling (No web/audio feed)  <b>9:30 AM</b> – PSC Organization Meeting – Elect PSC Chair and Vice Chair (Conducted using Zoom)  <b>9:30 AM</b> – Business (Conducted using Zoom)  <b>Call To Order</b>  <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  <b>Public Comment</b> – Please call the Consumer Assistance Line at 800-646-6150 and follow the directions provided on page four of the Agenda.  <b>Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of Commission Minutes.</li> <li>2. 2020.12.120 – Northwestern Energy – Proposed Suspension of Electric Tariff Rule No. 9 Metering - Section 9-5(B)(1).</li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2020.11.111 – Energy West Montana and Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application to Modify Property Tax Tracking Adjustment Rates – To discuss proposed tariffs filed by Applicants.</li> <li>2. Commission Initiated – Planning and discussion of bill drafts for the 2021 Legislative Session – To discuss a plan for the 2021 Legislative Session and discuss current bill drafts that impact the Commission or regulated issues.</li> <li>3. 2019.06.034 – Caithness Beaver Creek (“CBC”) – CBC QF Petition – To discuss any Commissioner questions regarding post-trial motions for CBC – Closed for Litigation Strategy.</li> </ol>
<b>WEDNESDAY 06</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 07</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 08</b>	

**9:30 AM Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Commission Business Meeting**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION****AGENDA NO. 21-01-05**

Date Published: December 31, 2020

For Week Commencing: January 4, 2021

**Place of Meetings:** All meetings are usually held at the Commission's office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, in Helena, Montana. However, due to the directives resulting from COVID-19, the Scheduling and Business Meetings will be held through Zoom until further notice.

**Commission Meetings:**

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

PSC Organization Meeting: Tuesday, January 5 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

**Action Items**

All items identified below are for action at the Commission's Business Meeting this week:

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Katy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 28, 2020.

2. NorthWestern Energy 2020.12.120 (Joel)

Application of Northwestern Energy for proposed suspension of Electric Tariff Rule No. 9 Metering – Section 9-5 Schedule of Meter Tests, during NorthWestern Energy's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

**Work Sessions**

All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action at the Commission's Business Meeting this week:

1. 2020.11.111 – Energy West Montana and Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application to Modify Property Tax Tracking Adjustment Rates – To discuss proposed tariffs filed by Applicants. (01/05/21)
2. Commission Initiated – Planning and discussion of bill drafts for the 2021 Legislative Session – To discuss a plan for the 2021 Legislative Session and discuss current bill drafts that impact the Commission or regulated issues. (01/05/21)
3. 2019.06.034 – Caithness Beaver Creek ("CBC") – CBC QF Petition – To discuss any Commissioner questions regarding post-trial motions for CBC – Closed for Litigation Strategy. (01/05/21)



**Protective Orders – Information Items:** The Commission has issued the following Protective Order(s). These Order(s) may be challenged pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5008. Copies of the Order(s) may be viewed on the Commission’s website <http://psc.mt.gov>.

None.

**Information Items:** All items identified below are for *information only*.

1. 12/11/20 – Received notice from CenturyLink Communications, LLC (IXC and CLEC), of a new “dba” of Lumen Technologies Group.

**New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:**

None.

**New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:**

1. 2020.12.123\* – The McGree Corporation – Lease of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

**General Information:** This is the Commission's Agenda for the week designated above. The Agenda is posted a week in advance on the public information bulletin board at the Commission’s office, is emailed to all persons who have requested notice by email, and is posted on the Commission’s website <http://psc.mt.gov>.

**Public Involvement:** The Commission invites the public’s involvement in its proceedings. Options are:

- (1) provide written comments at the Commission’s website <http://psc.mt.gov>, select “Documents & Proceedings” Tab; select “Comment on a Proceeding”, select “Continue as Guest”, complete form, select “Submit”;
- (2) get on the Commission’s “Watch List” for a Docket at the Commission’s website <http://psc.mt.gov>, select “EDDI” icon on the main page, create an account for “ePass”, under “Watch List” Tab enter the Docket number—the Commission’s case you are interested in following;
- (3) **beginning April 7, 2020, until further notice, listen to the meeting’s “Live Webcast” from your computer at <http://psc.mt.gov/livestream>; there is no video, only audio.** Please note that if the Commission takes a break and the live stream ends, it needs to be refreshed in the user’s browser or restarted once the break is over. However, if the stream is refreshed/restarted too early, it will just loop the end of the previous stream (in this case, you will need to refresh again after the new stream has started).
- (4) **attending a Commission meeting in person and providing comments is suspended until further notice; however,** the following process will be utilized for those wishing to provide public comment:

- a. Please call the Commission's toll-free number at 800-646-6150. You will need to leave a message. A Consumer Assistance Representative will return your call.
  - b. You need to call the Commission's toll-free number by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the scheduled Business Meeting so there is sufficient time for a Consumer Assistance Representative to return your call.
  - c. When your call is returned, you will need to provide your name; the docket number or a description of the docket on which you wish to provide comment; your phone number; and your email address.
  - d. You will be given an identifier, such as "Commenter 1, 2, etc." This identifier will be how you are recognized to provide public comment during the business meeting.
  - e. Once you have provided public comment at the business meeting, you will no longer be able to provide public comment. You may stay in the meeting, or you may leave the meeting and continue to listen in on the Commission's live stream.
  - f. You may also provide written comments as outlined in paragraph (1) under "Public Involvement." These comments are not made publicly available, but are provided to the docket work team and Commissioners.
- (5) sign up on the Commission's "Lyris List" to receive Notices by email for the following categories: Rules, Motor Carrier, Energy West Applications, MCC & PSC Taxes, MDU Applications, NorthWestern Energy Applications, PSC Orders, Telecommunications Applications, PSC Agendas, and PSC Hearings.
- (6) mail written comments to the Commission's office, 1701 Prospect Ave., P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601;
- (7) contact your District's Commissioner; and
- (8) contact the Commission's Consumer Assistance staff at 1-800-646-6150 or email [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov). They are happy to assist you!

**Live Webcast:** Beginning April 7, 2020, visit <http://psc.mt.gov/livestream> to listen to the livestream of Commission's meetings and hearings. Because they will be conducted using Zoom, only audio will be available to the public until further notice.

**Inquiries:** For general inquiries concerning this Agenda, contact Amber Koop at (406) 444-6199 or the Commission's Consumer Assistance Staff at 1-800-646-6150.

**Accommodations for Individuals:** Individuals needing accommodations to attend or participate at a Commission meeting or hearing may contact the Commission's Consumer Assistance Staff at 1-800-646-6150 or by email [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov) prior to the meeting or hearing. The Commission will make every effort to provide assistance.

***\*Qualifies for Staff Action. Upon receipt of a written request by a Commissioner or an interested person submitted within five (5) business days of the date published on this Agenda, the Commission will review this item.***