

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

January 18 – 22, 2021

MONDAY 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
TUESDAY 19	9:00 AM – Weekly Scheduling (No web/audio feed) 9:30 AM – Business (Conducted using Zoom) Call To Order Pledge of Allegiance Public Comment – Please call the Consumer Assistance Line at 800-646-6150 and follow the directions provided on page three of the Agenda. Action Items: 1. Approval of Commission Minutes. Work Sessions: 1. 2019.09.058 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern’s Annual PCCAM Filing – To discuss and make a decision on NorthWestern’s Refund Mechanism Filing. 2. Commission Initiated – PURPA Rulemaking – To discuss several PURPA-related rulemaking issues. 3. Commission Initiated – Legislation – To discuss bills impacting the PSC. 1:30 PM – Informational Meeting – Electronic Database for Docket Information (EDDI) (No web/audio feed)
WEDNESDAY 20	9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC 10:00 AM – Informational Meeting – Workplace Assessment/Strategic Plan (No web/audio feed)
THURSDAY 21	9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC
FRIDAY 22	9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC

9:30 AM Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Commission Business Meeting

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 21-01-19**

Date Published: January 15, 2021
For Week Commencing: January 18, 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 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 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 January 11, 2021.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2019.09.058 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern's Annual PCCAM Filing – To discuss and make a decision on NorthWestern's Refund Mechanism Filing. (01/19/21)
2. Commission Initiated – PURPA Rulemaking – To discuss several PURPA-related rulemaking issues. (01/19/21)
3. Legislative – To discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (01/19/21)

Other Meetings:

1. 01/20/21, 01/21/21, and 01/22/21 at 9:00 AM – Legislative – To discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills.
2. 01/19/21, 1:30 PM – Informational Meeting – Electronic Database for Docket Information (EDDI) (No web/audio feed)

3. 01/20/21, 10:00 AM – Informational Meeting – Workplace Assessment/Strategic Plan (No web/audio feed)

Notice Items: All items identified below are noticed for public involvement purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the Notice, the items will be action items on a subsequent Agenda. Public Comments on this Agenda's items need to be submitted within 5 calendar days following publication of this Agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter must be submitted within the required deadline provided in the Notice. Please refer to the "Public Involvement" item in this Agenda for options and assistance.

None.

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. Protest forms are available on the Commission's website <http://psc.mt.gov/Regulated-Utilities/Compliance-Materials#Transportation-2885>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final decision on the Application (including a decision by delegation of authority to Commission staff pursuant to established internal operating procedures) without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

None.

Protective Orders – Notice Items: The Commission has received the following requests for Protective Order(s) 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 website <http://psc.mt.gov>.

None.

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*.

None.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.01.005 – Starlink Services, LLC – Application of Starlink Services, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

2. 2021.01.006 – Blackfoot Communications, Inc. – Blackfoot Communications, Inc. Application for Designation as an ETC.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

None.

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. 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 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.***