

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

February 1-5, 2021

MONDAY 01	<p>1:00 PM – Weekly Scheduling (No web/audio feed) 2:00 PM – 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 four of the Agenda. Announcement of Changes to the Agenda Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Commission Minutes. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission Initiated – Legislation – To discuss bills impacting the PSC. 2. 2016.05.039 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for Interim and Final Approval of Revised Tariff No. QF-1, Qualifying Facility Power Purchase – To discuss and Issue Decision on NorthWestern Energy’s Motion to Waive Compliance Filing. 3. 2019.09.059 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 – To discuss and Issue Final Order on Hearing Examiner’s Proposed Order. 4. Commission Initiated – Garbage Hauling Investigation – To initiate an investigation docket to conduct market and profitability analyses related to Allied Waste Services of North America’s Missoula County service territory. 5. Commission Initiated – Strategic Plan – To update on Internal Operations Plan. 6. Commission Initiated – To provide update on CREP appeal. This work session is closed to the public.
TUESDAY 02	<p>8:30 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC 9:00 AM – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom)</p>
WEDNESDAY 03	<p>9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC Continued – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom)</p>
THURSDAY 04	<p>9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC Continued – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom)</p>
FRIDAY 05	<p>9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC 10:00 AM – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom)</p>

9:30 AM Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Commission Business Meeting

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**AGENDA NO. 21-02-01**

Date Published: January 29, 2021

For Week Commencing: February 1, 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: Monday, February 1, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021, 2:00 p.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 25, 2021.

Work Sessions

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

1. 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. (02/01/21)
2. 2016.05.039 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for Interim and Final Approval of Revised Tariff No. QF-1, Qualifying Facility Power Purchase – To discuss and Issue Decision on NorthWestern Energy's Motion to Waive Compliance Filing. (02/01/21)
3. 2019.09.059 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 – To discuss and Issue Final Order on Hearing Examiner's Proposed Order. (02/01/21)
4. Commission Initiated – Garbage Hauling Investigation – To initiate an investigation docket to conduct market and profitability analyses related to Allied Waste Services of North America's Missoula County service territory. (02/01/21)
5. Commission Initiated – Strategic Plan – To update on Internal Operations Plan. (02/01/21)
6. Commission Initiated – To provide update on CREP appeal. This work session is closed to the public. (02/01/21)

Other Meetings:

1. 02/02/21 at 8:30 AM; 02/03/21, 02/04/21, and 02/05/21 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. 02/02/21, 9:00 AM – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom).
3. 02/03/21, Continued – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom).
4. 02/04/21, Continued – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom).
5. 02/05/21, 10:00 AM – Hearing – 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates (Conducted using Zoom).

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.

1. Montana Movers 2021.01.012 (Susie)

On January 20, 2021, Montana Movers filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an Entity Information Update Form (“Update Form”) requesting to change its name to Montana Movers, LLC. A copy of the Secretary of State approval of this change was submitted with the Update Form.

A copy of the Update Form is publicly available online at the Commission’s website (<http://psc.mt.gov>) under Docket No. 2021.01.012. Interested parties can register on the Commission’s website to be added to the Watch List for notice of filings in this docket (select “EDDI”, create ePass account, and, under “Watch List” tab, enter Docket No. 2021.01.012).

This request will be approved seven days after the date of this Agenda. The Commission invites members of the public to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission’s address at 1701 Prospect Ave., P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620, or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.mt.gov> (select “Documents & Proceedings” tab; select “Comment on a Proceeding”; select “Continue as Guest”; complete form; select “Submit”); or by email at pschelp@mt.gov.

NOTE: Absent a protest, decision authority has been delegated to Commission staff for: Item 1. An interested person may request Commission action on these items by submitting a written request to the Commission by the protest deadline. Written requests can be mailed to the Commission address listed above or e-mailed to pschelp@mt.gov.

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>.

1. ABACO Energy Services, LLC 2020.07.082 (Lucas)

On January 19, 2020, ABACO Energy Services, LLC (“ABACO”) filed a Motion for a Protective Order seeking to protect from public disclosure the hourly rate charged and the number of hours billed by Concentric Energy Advisors. ABACO asserts that the information is confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information which will cause economic or competitive harm or disadvantage should the information be disclosed to the public. ABACO requests an order of the Commission protecting the information from public disclosure, pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5001 et seq., prior to producing the information.

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:

None.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.01.012* – Montana Movers – Entity Information Update for Authority.

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.***