

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

February 15-19, 2021

MONDAY 15	President’s Day Holiday
TUESDAY 16	<p>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 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. 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. 2020.11.111 – Energy West Montana & Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application of Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company to Modify Their Property Tax Tracking Adjustment Rates – To consider draft final order approving corrected tariffs. 3. 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Natural Gas Rate Case – To consider draft final order approving settlement agreement. 4. 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.
WEDNESDAY 17	<p>9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC 2:00 PM – Informational Meeting – To discuss updates on Strategic Planning process and review proposed draft components. This is an internal operations discussion. (No web/audio feed)</p>
THURSDAY 18	9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC
FRIDAY 19	9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC

9:30 AM Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Commission Business Meeting

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 21-02-16

Date Published: February 10, 2021
For Week Commencing: February 15, 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, February 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 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 February 8, 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. (02/16/21)
2. 2020.11.111 – Energy West Montana & Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application of Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company to Modify Their Property Tax Tracking Adjustment Rates – To consider draft final order approving corrected tariffs. (02/16/21)
3. 2020.06.076 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Natural Gas Rate Case – To consider draft final order approving settlement agreement. (02/16/21)
4. 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. (02/16/21)

Other Meetings:

1. 02/17/21, 02/18/21, and 02/19/21 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.

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

1. 02/08/21 – Received a notice from Red Fiber Parent, LLC, Cincinnati Bell Inc., and CBTS Technology Solutions LLC regarding the transfer of indirect control of CBTS Technology Solutions LLC to Red Fiber Parent LLC.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.02.016 – NorthWestern Energy Inc. (NorthWestern Energy) – NorthWestern Energy’s Proposed Revision to Electric Tariff Rule No. 16 - Electric Net Metering - per ARM 38.5.8401(18).
2. 2021.02.017 – HLH, LLC (West Fork Water and Wastewater) – HLH, LLC’s Application for Approval to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Big Sky, Montana Service Area.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.02.018* – Glacier Taxi, LLC (Glacier Taxi) – Cancellation of 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.***