

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

June 14 – 18, 2021

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MONDAY 14	
TUESDAY 15	<p>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed)</p> <p>9:30 AM – Oral Argument – 2021.01.015 – Energy West Montana Inc. – Joint Application by Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of Stock (Bollinger Room)</p> <p>10:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Room)</p> <p>Call To Order</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda.</p> <p>Announcement of Changes to the Agenda</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 7, 2021. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission Initiated – Appointing Blue Book Review Committee – To consider establishing a policy for periodic Blue Book review/revision and appointing a review committee. 2. 2020.07.083 – NorthWestern Energy – Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance True up – To act on Interim Order. 3. 2021.01.015 – Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of Stock – To consider HUI’s Motion for a Protective Order. 4. 2020.07.081 – Circle H – Circle H’s Operating Ratio Methodology Rate Case – To make a decision regarding Circle H’s motions for reconsideration. 5. 2020.05.064 – Public Service Commission – Investigation into Potential Impacts of COVID-19 on NorthWestern’s Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism Pilot – To make a decision on NorthWestern’s Motion to Delay the FCRM Pilot 1 year, or only require shadow accounting for assessment in NorthWestern’s next electric rate case. 6. 2019.06.034 – Caithness Beaver Creek – CBC’s PURPA Petition – To consider next steps regarding the remand of CBC’s Petition for Judicial Review. 7. Commission Initiated – Implementation of HB 365 – To discuss and implement HB 365.
WEDNESDAY 16	<p>10:00 AM – Informational Meeting – To discuss personnel matters. Closed to the public. (No web/audio feed)</p> <p><i>Note: the presiding officer of any meeting may close the meeting during the time discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and if the presiding officer determines</i></p>

	<p><i>the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The discussion in this meeting will involve a discussion regarding personnel matters concerning employee(s) of the agency. The discussion will include, but not necessarily be limited to, discussion of job performance of the employees(s). As such, I have determined that the privacy interests of the individual(s), which will be the subject of this meeting outweigh the merits of public disclosure. Accordingly, as the presiding officer of this meeting, I am closing this meeting to the public. - Chairman James Brown</i></p> <p>2:00 PM – Informational Meeting – Strategic Planning Meeting #9 – To discuss updates on Strategic Planning process and review proposed draft components. This is an internal operations discussion. No official actions will be taken during this Informational Meeting. (Web/audio available; will be recorded).</p>
<p>THURSDAY 17</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 18</p>	

9:30 AM Tuesday, June 22, 2021, Commission Business Meeting

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 21-06-15**

Date Published: June 11, 2021
For Week Commencing: June 14, 2021

Place of Meetings: All meetings are held at the Commission's office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Commission Meetings:

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Action Items

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

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Patricia)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 7, 2021.

Work Sessions

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

1. Commission Initiated – Appointing Blue Book Review Committee – To consider establishing a policy for periodic Blue Book review/revision and appointing a review committee. (06/15/21)
2. 2020.07.083 – NorthWestern Energy – Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance True up – To act on Interim Order. (06/15/21)
3. 2021.01.015 – Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company – Joint Application for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of Stock – To consider HU's Motion for a Protective Order. (06/15/21)
4. 2020.07.081 – Circle H – Circle H's Operating Ratio Methodology Rate Case – To make a decision regarding Circle H's motions for reconsideration. (06/15/21)
5. 2020.05.064 – Public Service Commission – Investigation into Potential Impacts of COVID-19 on NorthWestern's Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism Pilot – To make a decision on NorthWestern's Motion to Delay the FCRM Pilot 1 year, or only require shadow accounting for assessment in NorthWestern's next electric rate case. (06/15/21)
6. 2019.06.034 – Caithness Beaver Creek – CBC's PURPA Petition – To consider next steps regarding the remand of CBC's Petition for Judicial Review. (06/15/21)

7. Commission Initiated – Implementation of HB 365 – To discuss and implement HB 365. (06/15/21)

Other Meetings:

1. 06/15/21, 9:30 AM – Oral Argument – 2021.01.015 – Energy West Montana Inc. – Joint Application by Energy West Montana, Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Company for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of Stock. (Bollinger Room)
2. 06/16/21, 10:00 AM – Informational Meeting – To discuss personnel matters. Closed to the public. (No web/audio feed)

Note: the presiding officer of any meeting may close the meeting during the time discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and if the presiding officer determines the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

The discussion in this meeting will involve a discussion regarding personnel matters concerning employee(s) of the agency. The discussion will include, but not necessarily be limited to, discussion of job performance of the employees(s).

As such, I have determined that the privacy interests of the individual(s), which will be the subject of this meeting outweigh the merits of public disclosure. Accordingly, as the presiding officer of this meeting, I am closing this meeting to the public.

- Chairman James Brown

3. 06/16/21, 2:00 PM – Informational Meeting – Strategic Planning Meeting #9 – To discuss updates on Strategic Planning process and review proposed draft components. This is an internal operations discussion. No official actions will be taken during this Informational Meeting. (Web/audio available; will be recorded)

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.

1. Frontier Communications of America 2021.05.068 (Mike)

Frontier Communications of America ("Frontier America") has filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") an Application to withdraw its provision of interexchange service in Montana, consistent with Mont. Code

Ann. § 69-3-810. In Docket No. 2019.06.039, the Commission approved a transaction in which affiliates of Frontier America were sold to Northwest Fiber. As such, Frontier America no longer has any customers in Montana. Frontier America does not have any tariffs for interexchange service on file with the Commission, but its Application requests approval to withdraw service. Interested parties may contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

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. A protest form is available on the Commission's website <http://psc.mt.gov/For-Regulated-Utilities/Compliance-Materials#undefined>. 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. James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Co. 2021.06.084 (Susie)

On June 1, 2021, James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Contract with G&G Garbage, LLC ("Contract"). James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company proposes to lease its authority to G&G Garbage for a period of 12 months, starting on June 26, 2021 and ending on June 26, 2022. The Commission must approve this Contract/Lease. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-326(1).

A copy of the Contract is publicly available online at the Commission's website (<http://psc.mt.gov>) under Docket No. 2021.06.084. 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. 2021.06.084).

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 pschelpt@mt.gov.

2. Merchants Moving & Storage, Inc. 2021.06.085 (Susie)

On June 2, 2021, Merchant's Moving & Storage, Inc. filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Contract with Kraft Business, LLC ("Contract"). Merchants Moving & Storage, Inc. proposes to lease its authority to Kraft Business, LLC for a period of 60 months, starting on June 1, 2021 and

ending on June 1, 2022. The Commission must approve this Contract/Lease. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-326(1).

A copy of the Contract is publicly available online at the Commission's website (<http://psc.mt.gov>) under Docket No. 2021.06.085. 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. 2021.06.085).

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 pschelpt@mt.gov.

NOTE: Absent a protest, decision authority has been delegated to Commission staff for: Items 1-2. 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. NorthWestern Energy 2021.02.022 (Zack)

On June 3, 2021, the Commission received a Motion for Protective order from Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, seek to protect three categories of information as confidential trade secret information. Specifically, Burns & McDonnell requests the Commission to protect its RFP information submitted to NorthWestern Energy; its engineering, procurement, and construction contract with NorthWestern for entities that do not compete with it in response to the RFP; and various parts of its contract and appendixes similarly submitted to NorthWestern for entities that do compete with it in response to the RFP.

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. 04/20/21 – Received copy of Section 63.71 Application of MCI Communications Services LLC; MCImetro Access Transmission Services of Virginia, Inc.; MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.; and Verizon Long Distance LLC to grandfather and discontinue a number of private line services.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.06.086 – NorthWestern Energy Inc. (NorthWestern Energy) – NorthWestern Energy’s Application for Approval of its 2021 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing - Schedule No. QFLT-1.

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) watch the meeting’s “Live Webcast” from your computer at <http://psc.mt.gov/livestream>;
- (4) attend a Commission meeting in person and provide comments;
- (5) attend a Commission meeting via Zoom to provide public comment:
 - a. Please call the Commission’s toll-free number at 1-800-646-6150 by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the scheduled Business Meeting.
 - b. 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.

- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

(6) sign up on the Commission’s “Email 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.

(7) mail or deliver written comments to the Commission’s office, 1701 Prospect Ave., P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601;

(8) contact your District’s Commissioner; and

(9) contact the Commission’s Consumer Assistance staff at 1-800-646-6150 or email pschelp@mt.gov. They are happy to assist you!

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Inquiries: For general inquiries concerning this Agenda, contact Patricia Trooien 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.***