

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

August 30 – September 3, 2021

MONDAY 30	Center for Public Utilities Current Issues 2021 Conference
TUESDAY 31	Center for Public Utilities Current Issues 2021 Conference 9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed) 9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Room) Call To Order Pledge of Allegiance Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda. Announcement of Changes to the Agenda Action Items: 1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of August 16, 2021. 2. Staff Out-of-State Travel. Work Sessions: 1. 2021.08.107 – NorthWestern Energy – NWE application for authorization to issue up to \$1 billion in securities – To take Commission action. 2. 2021.02.022 – NorthWestern Energy – Pre-Approval Application – To consider NWE and Broad Reach Power’s Motions for Reconsideration of the Commission’s Adequacy Finding.
WEDNESDAY 01	Center for Public Utilities Current Issues 2021 Conference
THURSDAY 02	
FRIDAY 03	

9:30 AM Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Commission Business Meeting

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 21-08-31**

Date Published: August 27, 2021
For Week Commencing: August 30, 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, August 31, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 31, 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 (Patricia)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of August 16, 2021.

2. Staff Out-of-State Travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Chet McLean to travel to Clearwater Beach, FL on October 16-22, 2021, to attend the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' ("NARUC") Eastern Rate School.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2021.08.107 – NorthWestern Energy – NWE application for authorization to issue up to \$1 billion in securities – To take Commission action. (08/31/21)
2. 2021.02.022 – NorthWestern Energy – Pre-Approval Application – To consider NWE and Broad Reach Power's Motions for Reconsideration of the Commission's Adequacy Finding. (08/31/21)

Other Meetings:

1. 08/29/21 - 09/01/21 – Center for Public Utilities Current Issues 2021 Conference

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. 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.

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>.

1. NorthWestern Energy 2021.02.022 (Zack)

On August 12, 2021, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. ("NorthWestern") filed a Motion for a Protective Order Regarding Material Business Information. NorthWestern seeks protection of certain financial information for internal purposes that does not need to be disclosed to the public. NorthWestern states that their nonpublic financial projections for company-wide sources and uses of cash, credit metrics, assumptions upon which the non-public financial projections are based and confidential email communications between NorthWestern and credit analysts at rating agencies, should be protected.

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>.

1. Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. 2021.04.047 (Lucas)

On May 6, 2021, Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. ("MSCG") filed a Motion for a Term Protective Order. MSCG seeks a four-year term protective order, pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5004, to avoid the need to periodically request protection for the same information in future dockets. On August 24, 2021, the Commission granted MSCG's motion and issued Protective Order No. 7788c, protecting trade

secret and confidential proprietary information regarding MSCG's responses to NorthWestern Energy's competitive solicitation process.

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

None

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2021.08.109 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern Energy's Request for Partial Waiver of Administrative and Tariff Rules Concerning In-Person Notice.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

None

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- (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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