

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

**September 20 – 24, 2021**

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>20</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>21</b>	<p>2021 FRI Public Utility Symposium  <b>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room)</b>  <b>(No web/audio feed)</b>  <b>10:00 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Capitol Building, Room 303)</b>  <b>Call To Order</b>  <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  <b>Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda.</b>  <b>Announcement of Changes to the Agenda</b>  <b>Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of September 13, 2021.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2021.07.103 – NorthWestern Energy/Havre Pipeline – Interim Order for tariff – To consider approving the interim order requested.</b></li> <li><b>2. 2019.11.095 – Big Mountain Water Company – In re Big Mountain Water Company’s Proposed Tariffs – To consider the settlement agreement and stipulation between Big Mountain Water Company and the Montana Consumer Counsel.</b></li> <li><b>3. 2021.05.063 – Public Service Commission – Recertification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – To discuss and act on the annual recertification of eligible telecommunications carriers in Montana for continued federal support in 2022.</b></li> <li><b>4. 2020.03.033 – Public Service Commission – Request for Comments on Implementation of HB 467 – To discuss approval of draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.</b></li> <li><b>5. Commission Initiated – Personnel matters – To consider appointment of exempt staff. To discuss personnel matters. Closed to the public. (No web/audio feed).</b></li> </ol> <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 the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.</i></p> <p><i>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).</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>

*disclosure. Accordingly, as the presiding officer of this meeting, I am closing this meeting to the public.*

*- Chairman James Brown*

**1:30 PM – Rulemaking Hearing** – 2021.06.095 – Class B Repeal (Conducted using Zoom)

**2:00 PM – Informational Meeting** – 2021.01.015 – Q&A for Energy West Montana/Cut Bank Gas Company sale and transfer (Capitol Building, Room 303)

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>22</b>	2021 FRI Public Utility Symposium
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>23</b>	2021 FRI Public Utility Symposium <b>2:00 PM</b> – ETIC Meeting (Capitol Building, Room 137)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>24</b>	

**9:30 AM Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Commission Business Meeting**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**AGENDA NO. 21-09-21**

Date Published: September 17, 2021

For Week Commencing: September 20, 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, September 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (**Capitol Building, Room 303**)

**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 September 13, 2021.

**Work Sessions**

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

1. 2021.07.103 – NorthWestern Energy/Havre Pipeline – Interim Order for tariff – To consider approving the interim order requested. (09/21/21)
2. 2019.11.095 – Big Mountain Water Company – In re Big Mountain Water Company's Proposed Tariffs – To consider the settlement agreement and stipulation between Big Mountain Water Company and the Montana Consumer Counsel. (09/21/21)
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- Chairman James Brown

### **Other Meetings:**

1. 09/21/21 – 09/23/21 - 2021 FRI Public Utility Symposium
2. 09/21/21, 1:30 PM – Rulemaking Hearing – 2021.06.095 – Class B Repeal (Conducted using Zoom)
3. 09/21/21, 2:00 PM – Informational Meeting – 2021.01.015 – Q&A for Energy West Montana/Cut Bank Gas Company sale and transfer (Capitol Building, Room 303)
4. 09/23/21, 2:00 PM – ETIC Meeting (Capitol Building, Room 137)

**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.

1. PBN, LLC 2021.09.114 (Susie)

PBN, LLC, 4880 US Hwy 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901, filed an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Class D – Garbage between all points and places between flathead and lake counties.

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](mailto: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>.

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*.

1. 09/10/21 – Received new telecommunications registration from Marconi Wireless Holdings, LLC

**New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:**

1. 2021.09.113 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change

**New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:**

1. 2021.09.114\* – PBN LLC – Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

**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](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov). They are happy to assist you!

**Live Webcast:** Visit <http://psc.mt.gov/livestream> to watch live stream of Commission meetings and hearings.

**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](mailto: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.***