

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

**May 17 - 21, 2021**

<b>MONDAY 17</b>	<p><b>2:00 PM – Informational Meeting</b> – Strategic Planning Meeting to discuss updates on Strategic Planning process and review proposed draft components. The Commission may move draft components forward for consideration and possible adoption. Closed to the public. (No web/audio feed)</p>
<b>TUESDAY 18</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (No web/audio feed)</b>  <b>9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Conducted using Zoom)</b>  <b>Call To Order</b>  <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  <b>Public Comment – Please call the Consumer Assistance Line at 800-646-6150 and follow the directions provided on Page 4 of the Agenda.</b>  <b>Announcement of Changes to the Agenda</b>  <b>Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 10, 2021.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Recognize Robin Arnold’s service to the PSC.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Commission Initiated – Legislative wrap-up – To review 2021 legislative bills that became law and affect the PSC.</b></li> <li>2. <b>2018.02.012 – NorthWestern Energy – FERC Revenue Credit Compliance Filing – To consider final approval of compliance rates.</b></li> <li>3. <b>2020.10.100 – AquaFlo – Application to Increase Rates – To discuss and act on Proposed Final Order.</b></li> <li>4. <b>2020.10.103 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application for Approval of Revised Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 93 Tariff – To consider Hearing Examiner’s Proposed Final Order and issue Final Order.</b></li> <li>5. <b>Commission Initiated – Rule Making Authority per HB 606 – To discuss and act on initiating Rulemaking related to Advanced Meters and Advanced Metering Gateway Devices.</b></li> <li>6. <b>2021.04.051 – Townsend Propane/NorthWestern Energy – Application for Propane Supply Rate Adjustment – To discuss and act on request for Interim Order.</b></li> <li>7. <b>2020.07.081 – Circle H – Operating Ratio Methodology Rate Case – To discuss and act on Proposed Final Order.</b></li> <li>8. <b>2020.07.082 – ABACO – Application to establish rates and terms for propane services – To discuss and act on the filed Stipulation.</b></li> <li>9. <b>2018.08.052 – Caithness Beaver Creek – CBC’s PURPA Petition – To consider next steps regarding the remand of CBC’s Petition for Judicial Review.</b></li> <li>10. <b>2020.11.110 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for a Solar Energy Purchase Agreement – To consider suspending the procedural schedule and issuing an additional issue regarding the Commission’s authority to approve the Agreement .</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b>11. Commission Initiated – Commission Rulemaking – To provide an update on existing rulemaking proceedings.</b></p> <p><b>12. Commission Initiated – Strategic Planning – To discuss updates on Strategic Planning process and review proposed draft components for consideration and possible adoption.</b></p> <p><b>13. Commission Initiated – MTSUN Supreme Court Litigation – MTSUN’s PURPA Petition – To discuss Supreme Court reject of MTSUN appeal. Closed to public. (No web/audio feed)</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>19</b></p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>20</b></p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>21</b></p>	

**9:30 AM Tuesday, May 25, 2021, Commission Business Meeting**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA NO. 21-05-18**

Date Published: May 14, 2021  
For Week Commencing: May 17, 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, May 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 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 May 10, 2021.

2. Staff Recognition (Chairman Brown)

Recognize Robin Arnold for her years of service to the PSC.

**Work Sessions**

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

1. Commission Initiated – Legislative wrap-up – To review 2021 legislative bills that became law and affect the PSC. (05/18/21)
2. 2018.02.012 – NorthWestern Energy – FERC Revenue Credit Compliance Filing – To consider final approval of compliance rates. (05/18/21)
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**Other Meetings:**

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**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



2. 2021.05.064 – Public Service Commission – Staff Advisory Letter to Montana Regulated Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers.
3. 2021.05.065 – Public Service Commission – Amendment of ARM 38.5.2202 and 38.5.2302 Pertaining to Pipeline Safety.
4. 2021.05.066 – CenturyLink (Legacy Qwest) – Interconnection Agreement Between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and TDS Metrocom, LLC for the State of Montana.

### **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) **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](mailto: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](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.***