

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

April 04 - April 08, 2022

MONDAY 04	
TUESDAY 05	<p>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed)</p> <p>9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Conference 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 March 14, 2022 2. Staff Out-of-State Travel <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022.02.017 – Commission Initiated – HB 576 Implementation – Discuss approval of draft Notice of Repeal to effectuate the repeal of the Montana Renewable Power Product and Rural Economic Development Act and relevant Commission regulations. 2. 2021.04.053 – Commission Initiated – Procedural Rulemaking – Discuss a proposed new rule on Intervention and consider approving a notice of proposed rulemaking. 3. 2020.03.033 – Commission Initiated – HB 467 Implementation – Discuss approval of draft Amended Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to implement minimum filing requirements for the Montana Energy Impact Assistance Act. <p>1:30 PM – Hearing – 2021.08.109 – NorthWestern Energy – IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy’s Request for Partial Waiver of Administrative and Tariff Rules Concerning In-Person Notice - (PSC, Bollinger Conference Room).</p>
WEDNESDAY 06	
THURSDAY 07	
FRIDAY 08	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2022-04-05

Date Published: April 01, 2022

For Week Commencing: April 04, 2022

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, April 05, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 05, 2022, 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 March 14, 2022

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

Staff requests approval for Dan Stusek to travel to San Diego, CA May 1-4, 2022, to attend the Spring 2022 joint CREPC/WIRAB Spring Meeting

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

Staff requests approval for Joel Tierney, Sam Harworth, and John Torske to travel to Clark County, NV May 2-6, 2022, to attend the Western Region annual meeting of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives

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

Staff requests approval for Sam Harworth to travel to Oklahoma City, OK July 18-22, 2022, to attend technical qualifications training conducted by PHMSA on gas integrity management protocols.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2022.02.017– Commission Initiated – HB 576 Implementation – Discuss approval of draft Notice of Repeal to effectuate the repeal of the Montana Renewable Power Product and Rural Economic Development Act and relevant Commission regulations.

2. 2021.04.053 – Commission Initiated – Procedural Rulemaking – Discuss a proposed new rule on Intervention and consider approving a notice of proposed rulemaking.
3. 2020.03.033 – Commission Initiated – HB 467 Implementation – Discuss approval of draft Amended Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to implement minimum filing requirements for the Montana Energy Impact Assistance Act.

Other Meetings

1. April 05, 2022 – 1:30 PM – Hearing - 2021.08.109 – NorthWestern Energy - IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy’s Request for Partial Waiver of Administrative and Tariff Rules Concerning In-Person Notice - (PSC, Bollinger Conference Room).

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 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 under the Transportation tab found at <https://psc.mt.gov/Regulated-Utilities/Compliance-Materials>. 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>.

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. 3/15/2022 - Received new telecommunications registration from Visionary Communications, Inc

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

None

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. Public commenters will make comment only once near the beginning of the business meeting. Commenters are welcome to remain online to listen to the entire meeting.
- 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, Montana-Dakota Utilities 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.