

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

April 25 – April 29, 2022

MONDAY 25	
TUESDAY 26	<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 April 11, 2022 2. Staff Out-of-State Travel <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022.03.044 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern Energy, (NWE), Applications for Interim Approval of the 2022 Natural Gas Universal System Benefits, (USB) – Commission decision on granting NWE’s Application for Interim Approval. 2. 2020.09.094 – Commission Initiated – Commission Investigation of North Star – To provide an update on the status of North Star Water and Sewer. 3. Docket: TBD - Commission Initiated - Sleepy Hollow Oil and Gas (Sleepy Hollow) Performance/Bankruptcy - To summarize PSC staff inspection work and attempted compliance actions concerning Sleepy Hollow during 2020 and 2021, and to review Sleepy Hollow’s past and current operations and current business condition, as well as to describe current efforts to ensure all stakeholders are prioritizing pipeline safety concerns. <p>2:00 PM – Informational Meeting – Strategic Planning Meeting - 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. No public comment. (No web/audio feed; will be recorded).</p>
WEDNESDAY 27	<p>9:00 AM – Hearing – 2021.12.134– NorthWestern Energy - IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC to Set Terms and Conditions for Qualifying Small Power Production Facility - (PSC, Bollinger Conference Room)</p>
THURSDAY 28	<p>9:00 AM – Hearing – 2021.12.134– NorthWestern Energy - IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC to Set Terms and Conditions for Qualifying Small Power Production Facility - (PSC, Bollinger Conference Room)</p>
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***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, May 03, 2022**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 2022-04-26**

Date Published: April 22, 2022
For Week Commencing: April 25, 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 26, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 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 April 11, 2022

2. Out-of-State Travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Cassandra Scheuer to travel to Albuquerque, NM May 15-21, 2022, to attend the New Mexico State University’s Center for Public Utilities “Basics” regulatory training program.

Work Sessions

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

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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.

1. Amendments to Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

On July 12, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued Order 19-66, and on August 2, 2019, the FCC issued Order FCC 19-72. Each of the aforementioned FCC orders were issued within FCC Docket WC 18-141 and were meant to modernize the unbundled network elements and resale services that an incumbent local exchange carrier is required to offer competitive local exchange carriers for interconnection. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC filed amendments to the following interconnection agreements ("IAs"), with the following counterparties, in order to implement the terms of FCC Orders 19-66 and 19-72.

- CAN Communications Services – filed March 24, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.025 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2004.3.41).
- OneEighty Communications – filed March 22, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.035 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2000.11.200).
- dishNET Wireline – filed March 23, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.039 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2010.9.96).
- Quantum Shift Communications, Inc. dba vCom Solutions – filed March 22, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.034 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2008.11.130).
- Vision Net Inc. – filed March 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.031 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2003.8.117).
- Intrado Safety Communications – filed March 22, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.032 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2010.3.28).
- Intrado Communications – filed March 22, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.033 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2012.11.116).
- XO Communications Service, LLC – filed March 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.028 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2008.6.64).
- MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC – filed March 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.028 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2004.7.119).

The amendments above are available for review on the Commission website or at the Commission office in Helena. Interested persons may submit comments to the Commission no later than May 10, 2022, through the Commission website or mail comments to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601.

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. 4/12/2022 – Received new telecommunications registration from IM Telecom, LLC.

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.