

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

**May 9 - May 13, 2022**

<b>MONDAY 9</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 10</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed)</b></p> <p><b>9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Conference Room)</b></p> <p><b>Call To Order</b></p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Announcement of Changes to the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of April 26, 2022</li> <li>Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 2, 2022</li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2022.01.004- Commission Initiated - Small Generator Interconnection Annual Reports- To accept Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and NorthWestern Energy’s annual small generator interconnection report for 2021.</li> <li>2. 2020.07.082– ABACO Energy Services - Application of ABACO Energy Services, LLC to Establish Service Rates and Terms of Service</li> <li>3. 2020.09.094– Commission Initiated – Commission Investigation of North Star – To provide an update on the status of North Star Water and Sewer.</li> <li>4. Commission Initiated – Litigation Status Update – To provide an update on currently pending litigation and discuss litigation strategy. Closed to the public. (No web/audio feed).</li> </ol> <p>Note: the presiding officer of any meeting may close the meeting during the time discussion relates to a matter of litigation and/or litigation strategy and the presiding officer determines the need to protect agency litigation decision making and discussion exceeds the merits of public disclosure. The discussion in this closed session will involve discussions and decision-making related to ongoing litigation in which the agency is involved as a party. Accordingly, as the presiding officer of this meeting, I am closing this meeting to the public.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">–President Brown</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY 11</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 12</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 13</b>	

**\*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 2022-05-10**

Date Published: May 6, 2022

For Week Commencing: May 9, 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, May 10, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 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 Trooien)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of April 26, 2022

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 2, 2022

**Work Sessions**

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–President Brown

**Other Meetings**

None

**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.

**Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC Interconnection Agreements (Mike Dalton)**

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC has filed for approval with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") the following interconnection agreements and amendments to interconnection agreements, pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission is required to approve or reject such interconnection agreements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

- ACN Communications Services, LLC – Batch Hot Cut Removal Amendment to Interconnection Agreement filed March 24, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.025 (original IA approved in Docket No. D2004.3.41).
- Level 3 Communications, LLC – LIS Facility PVU Amendment to Interconnection Agreement filed March 24, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.037 (original IA approved in Docket No. 2002.6.68).
- Simwood Incorporated – Interconnection Agreement filed March 23, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.04.047.
- Spok, Inc. – Paging Partner Delivery Amendment filed March 23, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.041 (original IA approved in Docket No. 2006.7.112).
- Teleport Communications America, LLC – Batch Hot Cut Removal Amendment to Interconnection Agreement filed March 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.029 (original IA approved in Docket No. 2012.4.41).
- AT&T Corporation – Batch Hot Cut Removal Amendment to Interconnection Agreement filed March 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2022.03.030 (original IA approved in Docket No. 2004.4.66).

Interested parties may file comments with the Commission on any of the above interconnection agreements no later than May 31, 2022.

**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>.

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (2021.12.136) \_\_\_\_\_ (Lucas Hamilton)

On April 28, 2022, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed a motion for a protective order regarding certain information that will be provided in response to data requests from the Commission. CenturyLink asserts the information contains trade secrets, which if disclosed to the public, would deprive CenturyLink of the economic value and competitive advantage the information provides.

**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. 5/1/2022 - Received new telecommunications registration from Northwestern Voice and Networking LLC.

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

2022.04.053 NorthWestern Energy Inc. (NorthWestern Energy) NWE's Application for Townsend Propane

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov) prior to the meeting or hearing. The Commission will make every effort to provide assistance.