

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

October 10 – 14, 2022

MONDAY 10	Columbus Day – PSC Office Closed.
TUESDAY 11	1:00 PM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed) 1:30 PM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Conference Room) Call To Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda Announcements Action Items: 1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 3, 2022. Work Sessions: 1. PSC Strategic Plan – Commission Initiated – Initiative: Agency Organizational Structure – To consider revisions to Administrative Chain of Command & Core Duties Organization Structure.
WEDNESDAY 12	
THURSDAY 13	
FRIDAY 14	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 9:30 AM.**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2022.10.11

Date Published: October 7, 2022

For Week Commencing: October 10, 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, October 11, 2022, 1:00 PM.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 1:30 PM.

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 October 3, 2022.

Work Sessions

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

1. PSC Strategic Plan – Commission Initiated – Initiative: Agency Organizational Structure – To consider revisions to Administrative Chain of Command & Core Duties Organization Structure.

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.

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. Protest forms are available on the Commission’s website under Regulated Utilities, Compliance Materials, Transportation. See <https://psc.mt.gov/docs/Transportation/pdf/Protest-to-Application-for-Certificate-of-Compliance.pdf> and <https://psc.mt.gov/docs/Transportation/pdf/COC-app-2015class-E.pdf>. 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>.

NorthWestern Energy (2022.07.078) (Lucas Hamilton)

On September 29, 2022, NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) filed a motion for a protective order regarding studies provided to NorthWestern from J.D. Power between 2016 and 2022. The Montana Consumer Counsel requested the studies in discovery. NorthWestern asserts that the studies are trade secret and NorthWestern has an obligation to protect the confidentiality of the studies under a license agreement with J.D. Power. According to NorthWestern’s motion, failure to protect the information could result in litigation and liability.

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>.

NorthWestern Energy (2022.07.078) (Laura Vachowski)

On July 20, 2022, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a/ NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) filed a Motion for Term Protective Order. On August 24, 2022, the Commission GRANTED NorthWestern’s Motion and issued Term Protective Order No. 7860a, protecting from public disclosure NorthWestern’s non-public forecasted or projected financial information protected by Regulation Fair Disclosure.

Information Items: All items identified below are for *information only*.

1. 9/8/2022 – Received new telecommunications registration from Bark Technologies, Inc.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2022.09.090 – Public Service Commission – MCC Pass – Through Fees
2. 2022.09.091 – Public Service Commission – PSC Pass – Through Fees
3. 2022.10.092 – Montana – Dakota Utilities Co. – MDU’s Motion for a Term Protective Order for Four Years and Brief in Support.

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 <login.mt.gov>, 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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