

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

November 21 - 25, 2022

MONDAY 21	
TUESDAY 22	<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>Roll Call</p> <p>Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda</p> <p>Announcements</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 31, 2022. 2. Approval of Out of State Travel. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy - NorthWestern’s General Rate Case - To consider 350 Montana’s request for leave to conduct a deposition. 2. 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy - NorthWestern’s General Rate Case - To consider the federal executive agencies’ motion for <i>pro hac vice</i> appearance. 3. 2021.04.053 – Commission Initiated - Intervention Rulemaking - (1) To consider issuing a notice of agency decision terminating the first round of formal rulemaking on the Commission’s Intervention rules (MAR 38-2-255); (2) to consider beginning a second round of formal rulemaking on the Commission’s Intervention rules (MAR 38-2-258).
WEDNESDAY 23	
THURSDAY 24	PSC Office closed – Thanksgiving Day
FRIDAY 25	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2022 – 11 – 22

Date Published: November 18, 2022

For Week Commencing: November 21, 2022

Place of Meetings: All meetings are held at the Public Service Commission Bollinger Conference Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Commission Meetings:

Commission Scheduling Meeting: November 22, 2022, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: November 22, 2022, 9:30 AM.

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 October 31, 2022.

2. Staff out-of-state travel (Will Rosquist)

Staff requests approval for Dan Sherwood to travel to Coeur d'Alene, ID November 28 - December 1, 2022, and Orlando, FL December 5-9, 2022, to complete on-the-job training sessions with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inspectors as part of the FRA's certification process for the Motive Power and Equipment (MP&E) discipline.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy - NorthWestern's General Rate Case - To consider 350 Montana's request for leave to conduct a deposition.
2. 2022.07.078 - NorthWestern Energy - NorthWestern's General Rate Case - To consider the federal executive agencies' motion for *pro hac vice* appearance.
3. 2021.04.053 – Commission Initiated - Intervention Rulemaking - (1) To consider issuing a notice of agency decision terminating the first round of formal rulemaking on the Commission's Intervention rules (MAR 38-2-255); (2) to consider beginning a second round of formal rulemaking on the Commission's Intervention rules (MAR 38-2-258).

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.

John Isaacs 2022.11.100 (Gwen Knight)

On October 26, 2022, John Isaacs, Isaacs Sani-Service, Inc, Circle, Montana, PSC No. 5450, filed to lease its Class D authority to Conroy Sanitation, LLC, for a period of 120 months, to commence on the date approved by the PSC.

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 October 7, 2022, NorthWestern Energy filed a motion for a protective order regarding a workpaper containing load and generation information associated with NorthWestern's distribution substations. NorthWestern asserts that disclosing the information would make it easier for individuals intent on disrupting NorthWestern's electric distribution systems to do so. NorthWestern reasons that public disclosure of

the information could lead compromise the safety of NorthWestern's distribution substations.

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>.

Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership 2022.07.073 (Laura Vachowski)

On October 24, 2022, Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership ("CELP") filed a motion for a protective order regarding its responses to certain data requests submitted by NorthWestern Energy. CELP asserted its responses, which concern supply contracts, service contracts, agreements relating to CELP's operations, maintenance and financing, and factual information relating to outage data, including analysis and workpapers, contain trade secrets. CELP asserted that a competitor could use the information to its advantage if the information was made public. On November 14, 2022, the Commission GRANTED CELP's motion and issued Order 7859d protecting the aforementioned responses.

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

1. 10/25/2022 – Received request to cancel the registration of Montana Bell, LLC.
2. 10/31/2022 – Received new telecommunications registration from thinQ Technologies, 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 <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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