

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

November 28 - December 2, 2022

MONDAY 28	
TUESDAY 29	<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 November 21, 2022. 2. Updates on Commission travel for October and November. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022.10.096 - The Town of Saco Municipal Gas - Town of Saco Order to Show Cause - Update the Commission on the Order to Show Cause issued on October 20, 2022.
WEDNESDAY 30	
THURSDAY 01	<p>Northwestern University Electricity Dialogue on “Electricity System Adaption: Solving the Issues of the West”, Park City, Utah.</p>
FRIDAY 02	<p>Northwestern University Electricity Dialogue on “Electricity System Adaption: Solving the Issues of the West”, Park City, Utah.</p>

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2022.11.29

Date Published: November 25, 2022

For Week Commencing: November 28,2022

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 29, 2022, 9:00AM.

Commission Business Meeting: November 29, 2022, 9:30AM.

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 November 21, 2022.

2. Commissioner Travel Update (Commissioners)

Updates on conference travel for October and November.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2022.10.096 - The Town of Saco Municipal Gas - Town of Saco Order to Show Cause - Update the Commission on the Order to Show Cause issued on October 20, 2022.

Other Meetings

1. December 01– 02, 2022 – Northwestern University Electricity Dialogue on “Electricity System Adaption: Solving the Issues of the West”, Park City, Utah.

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.

Republic Services Inc.,
 dba Disposal Services of Montana 2022.11.101 (Gwen Knight)

In 2021, Republic Services, Inc., dba Disposal Services of Montana, Lewistown, Montana, PSC No. 9412, filed to lease its Class D authority to the City of Cut Bank, an incorporated municipality, for a period of 12 months.

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 November 18, 2022, NorthWestern Energy filed a motion for a protective order regarding the risk model used by NorthWestern to determine what pipeline integrity management and integrity-based projects are needed on the natural gas transmission system, including all documents supporting or related to the model. NorthWestern asserts that data contained within the model is confidential and sensitive information that, if made public, could be used to damage the transmission system and lead to catastrophic disruptions in service. NorthWestern requests a protective order to prevent public disclosure of the information.

NorthWestern Energy 2022.07.078 (Lucas Hamilton)

On November 15, 2022, NorthWestern Energy filed a motion for a term protective order regarding capacity price information from bids submitted to NorthWestern in response to a recent request for proposals. Specifically, NorthWestern seeks protection for price information related to bids from Shell Energy N.A., Rocky Mountain Power, LLC, and Powerex Corp. NorthWestern asserts that public the price information is a trade secret, and public disclosure of the information would harm NorthWestern's ability to negotiate

beneficial terms for its customers and investors. NorthWestern further asserts that public disclosure would discourage parties from offering power to NorthWestern for fear that terms of an offer would become public. NorthWestern requests that market participants, including their legal counsel and expert witnesses, be prohibited from accessing the price information without permission from NorthWestern or the Commission. Finally, NorthWestern requests a four-year term for the protective order to avoid the need to file motions for protection of the pricing information in other dockets.

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. 11/7/2022 - Received new telecommunications registration from Nuso, LLC.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

None.

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2022.11.101 – City of Cut Bank – Lease Republic to City of Cut Bank (received in 2021).

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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