

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

March 20 – 24, 2023

MONDAY 20	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
TUESDAY 21	<p>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room, No web/audio feed)</p> <p>9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Conference Room, live streamed and recorded)</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 March 6, 2023. 2. Approval of Staff Out-Of-State Travel. 3. Croft Petroleum Gas License Deactivation. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informational Memo – Commission Initiated – To consider circulating draft informational memo on certificate requirements for interstate motor carriers. 2. 2021.04.053 – Commission Initiated – Intervention Rulemaking – To consider issuing a proposed Notice of Adoption and Repeal regarding the Commission’s Intervention rules (MAR 38-2-258). 3. 2022.07.075 – ABACO Energy Services, LLC (“ABACO”) – Order to Show Cause associated with Propane Cost Tracker for 06/01/2021-05/31/2022 and Propane Supply Rate Adjustment for 06/01/2022-05/31/2023 – To consider issuing a proposed Order to Show Cause requiring ABACO to show cause why the Commission should not pursue penalties associated with ABACO’s charging, and collecting revenue based on, interim rates that were neither tariffed nor approved by the Commission. 4. 2022.09.086 – Flathead Utility Company, Inc. (“FLT”) – Request to Approve Transfer and Sale of Flathead Utility Company; Request to Adopt Rates – To consider: approving a Stipulation between MCC and FLT; granting FLT’s Requests; and issuing a proposed final order. 5. Legislative Update – To discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process, and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills.
WEDNESDAY 22	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
THURSDAY 23	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
FRIDAY 24	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 9:30 AM.**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2023.03.21

Date Published: March 17, 2023

For Week Commencing: March 20, 2023

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: March 21, 2023, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: March 21, 2023, 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 March 06, 2023.

2. Approval of Staff Out-Of-State Travel (Will Rosquist)

Staff requests approval for Alexandra Ghosh to travel to Albuquerque, NM May 15-19, 2023, to attend the New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities "Basics" regulatory training program.

Staff requests approval for Dave Jackson to travel to St Louis, MO April 24-28, 2023, to attend certification recurrency training from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in the Motive Power & Equipment (MP&E) discipline. The FRA requires this training to maintain MP&E certification.

3. Croft Petroleum D2023.02.017 (Joel Tierney)

On January 20, 2023, Croft Petroleum filed a letter requesting the Commission deactivate its gas supplier license. Croft was one of the original license applications granted and is no longer planning to be a gas supplier.

Work Sessions

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Other Meetings

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4. March 24, 2023 – 9:00 AM – Legislative work session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.

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>.

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. 2/27/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from Peering Hub Inc.
2. 3/8/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from Red Pocket, Inc.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2023.02.021 – InterBel – 2023 InterBel ETC Expansion for Lifeline-Only Authority.
2. 2023.02.022 – Utiliz Services LLC – MT gas Broker License Application.

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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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.

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