

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

March 27-31, 2023	
MONDAY 27	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
TUESDAY 28	<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 March 20, 2023. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023.01.012 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) and Hill County Electric Cooperative (“HCEC”) – Joint Petition of NorthWestern and HCEC for Approval of Agreement for Provision of Electric Service Facilities – To consider whether or not to approve a Service Territory Agreement entered into by NorthWestern and HCEC. 2. 2021.06.081 – High Quality H2O – High Quality H2O’s Application for Rates and Charges for Service in Missoula, MT – To consider draft final order. 3. 2021.12.134 – Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC – CBC’s Petition to Set Terms and Conditions for Qualifying Facilities – To consider draft findings, conclusions, and order regarding additional evidence. 4. 2022.06.064 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern’s Application for Approval of Corporate Restructuring – To consider MCC’s Motion for Reconsideration. 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. 6. Pipeline Safety – Rail Safety Updates – Commission Initiated – To update the Commission on Pipeline and Rail Safety. <p>1:00 PM - Commissioner Training – Ex Parte Communications/How to Examine a Witness/Hearing Rules – Bollinger Conference Room, (time subject to change).</p>
WEDNESDAY 29	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
THURSDAY 30	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.
FRIDAY 31	9:00 AM – Legislative Work Session – Placeholder to discuss bills impacting the PSC.

*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 2023-03-28**

Date Published: March 24, 2023

For Week Commencing: March 27, 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 28, 2023, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: March 28, 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)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of March 20, 2023.

Work Sessions

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

1. 2023.01.012 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) and Hill County Electric Cooperative (“HCEC”) – Joint Petition of NorthWestern and HCEC for Approval of Agreement for Provision of Electric Service Facilities – To consider whether or not to approve a Service Territory Agreement entered into by NorthWestern and HCEC.
2. 2021.06.081 – High Quality H2O – High Quality H2O's Application for Rates and Charges for Service in Missoula, MT – To consider draft final order.
3. 2021.12.134 – Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC – CBC's Petition to Set Terms and Conditions for Qualifying Facilities – To consider draft findings, conclusions, and order regarding additional evidence.
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6. Pipeline Safety – Rail Safety Updates – Commission Initiated – To update the Commission on Pipeline and Rail Safety.

Other Meetings

1. March 28, 2023 – Commissioner Training – Ex Parte Communications/How to Examine a Witness/Hearing Rules – Bollinger Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. (time subject to change).

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>.

1. Utiliz Services, LLC (2023.03.022) (Lucas Hamilton)

On March 8, 2023, Utiliz Services, LLC ("Utiliz") filed a motion for a protective order regarding financial information. Utiliz asserts that its financial information is confidential, proprietary, and sensitive in nature. Utiliz argues that public disclosure of its financial information would harm the company and place it at a disadvantage among competitors. Utiliz asks for an order limiting disclosure of its financial information to the public.

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. 3/3/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from Via Wireless, LLC

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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