

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

May 15 – 19, 2023

MONDAY 15	
TUESDAY 16	9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed) 9:30 AM – 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 May 08, 2023. 2. Approval of Staff Out-of–State Travel. Work Sessions: 1. 2021.04.053 (MAR 38–5–260) – Commission Initiated – Rulemaking – To consider issuing a Notice of Adoption for an update to ARM 38.5.1010 regarding the National Electrical Safety Code. 2. 2022.07.075 – ABACO Energy Services, LLC (“ABACO”) – Propane Cost Tracker for 06/01/2021–05/31/2022 and Propane Supply Rate Adjustment for 06/01/2022–05/31/2023 – Update the Commission on ABACO’s response to the Order to Show Cause issued on March 22, 2023. 3. Complaint re: Holmberg Village Water Company, LLC, Helena Montana – PSC – To consider authorizing staff to prepare, for the Commission’s review, a complaint against Holmberg Village Water Company, LLC and incorporate into that complaint a formal complaint filed by the Holmberg Estates Homeowners’ Association. 4. 2022.07.073 – Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership (“CELP”) – Petition of Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership to Set Terms and Conditions for a Qualifying Small Power Production Facility Pursuant to M.C.A. § 69–3–603 – To consider draft final order. 1:30 PM - Informational Meeting – Cyan H2 – Hydrogen Power (Bollinger Conference Room)
WEDNESDAY 17	
THURSDAY 18	
FRIDAY 19	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2022**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2023.05.16

Date Published: May 12, 2023

For Week Commencing: May 15, 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: May 16, 2023, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: May 16, 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 May 08, 2023.

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

Staff requests approval for Sam Harworth to travel to Oklahoma City, OK June 20-23, 2023, to attend technical qualifications training conducted by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The training will involve hands-on practical exercises relevant to field inspections.

Work Sessions

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

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Other Meetings

1. May 16, 2023 – 1:30 p.m. – Informational Meeting – Cyan H2 – Hydrogen power.

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. Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (2023.01.013) (Lucas Hamilton)

On March 24, 2023, NorthWestern filed a Motion for Term Protective Order seeking to protect from disclosure certain resource data received in a bid submitted in response to NorthWestern’s January 2020 Request for Proposals (“RFP”). NorthWestern asserts that the data is a trade secret. NorthWestern requests protection of the information for a term of four years.

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. 4/12/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from NatWireless, LLC.
2. 4/20/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from AFNET, LLC.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:

1. 2023.05.035 – ABACO Energy Services, LLC – Notice of Filing Application for Propane Supply Rate Adjustment for 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2024.

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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