

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

<b>June 19 - 23, 2023</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>19</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>20</b>	<b>No Business Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>21</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>22</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>23</b>	

**\*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 9:30 A.M.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 2023.06.19**

Date Published: June 16.2023

For Week Commencing: June 19, 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:**

No Scheduling, Business – Informational Only  
There will be no Action or Work Session items.

**Action Items**

None

**Work Sessions**

None

**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.

1. Project Telephone Company 2023.05.037 (Katie Sheard)

On May 17, 2023, Project Telephone Company filed Section IV Exchange and Network Services tariff Subscriber Line Extensions revisions to update the service line installation terms and give customers the option to have additional costs covered with a contract. The filing is available on the Commission's website. Interested persons may submit comments in this matter to the Commission no later than July 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620–2601; through the Commission's website at <https://psc.mt.gov>; or by e-mail at [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov).

CenturyTel dba CenturyLink. – 8YY Access Charge 2023.05.040 (Tina Shorten)

On May 25, 2023, CenturyTel dba CenturyLink filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a reduction to its interstate and intrastate rates for originating End Office Access Service rate elements for toll free calls, and a reduction in its rates for interstate and intrastate Toll-Free Database Query Charges, in order to comply with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Order 20–143. The filing is available on the Commission’s website. Interested persons may submit comments in this matter to the Commission no later than July 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620–2601; through the Commission’s website at <https://psc.mt.gov>; or by e-mail at [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov).

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC – 8YY Access Charge 2023.05.041 (Tina Shorten)

On May 25, 2023, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a reduction to its interstate and intrastate rates for originating End Office Access Service rate elements for toll free calls, and a reduction in its rates for interstate and intrastate Toll-Free Database Query Charges, in order to comply with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Order 20–143. The filing is available on the Commission’s website. Interested persons may submit comments in this matter to the Commission no later than July 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620–2601; through the Commission’s website at <https://psc.mt.gov>; or by e-mail at [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov).

Hot Springs Telephone Company – 8YY Access Charge 2023.05.044 (Tina Shorten)

On May 26, 2023, Hot Springs Telephone Company (“Hot Springs”) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a reduction to its interstate and intrastate originating End Office Access Service rate elements for Toll Free Calls to comply with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Order 20–143. The filing is available on the Commission’s website. Interested persons may submit comments in this matter to the Commission no later than July 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620–2601; through the Commission’s website at <https://psc.mt.gov>; or by e-mail at [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov).

Ronan Telephone Company – 8YY Access Charge 2023.06.051 (Katie Sheard)

On June 1, 2023, Ronan Telephone Company (“Ronan”) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) proposed revised Originating Toll-Free switched access tariffs to comply with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Order 20–143. The filing is available on the Commission’s website. Interested persons may submit comments in this matter to the Commission no later than July 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620–2601; through the Commission’s website at <https://psc.mt.gov>; or by e-mail at [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov).



**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. 6/5/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from TERRACOM INC.

**New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:**

1. 2023.06.050 – NorthWestern Energy Inc. (NorthWestern Energy) – NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval of its 2023 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing – Schedule No. QFLT-1.
2. 2023.06.051 – Ronan Telephone Company (Access Montana) – Ronan Telephone Company 2023 8YY Access Charge Reform.
3. 2023.06.052 – Qwest Corporation (CenturyLink QC) – UNE Amendment to ICA between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative.
4. 2023.06.053 – Qwest Corporation (CenturyLink QC) – UNEs–Resale Forbearance Amendment.

**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](http://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](mailto: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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