

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

**September 04 – September 08, 2023**

<b>MONDAY 04</b>	<b>Labor Day - PSC Office Closed</b>
<b>TUESDAY 05</b>	<b>No Business Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 06</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 07</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 08</b>	

**\*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**AGENDA NO. 2023-09-04**

Date Published: August 30, 2023

For Week Commencing: September 04, 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. Public Comments on this Agenda's items need to be submitted within 5 calendar days following publication of this Agenda, or as 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 Class A, D, and E 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>.

CenturyLink (2021.12.136)

(Dan Polkow)

On August 24, 2023, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) filed a Motion for a Protective Order seeking to protect information contained in CenturyLink’s supplemental responses to Data Requests PSC-001d, PSC-002b, PSC-002d, PSC-013b, and PSC-014. CenturyLink seeks to protect customer, carrier system, and wire center information concerning several markets that CenturyLink serves. CenturyLink asserts that the information is a trade secret that should be protected from public disclosure. CenturyLink asserts the information derives independent economic value from its secrecy, and public disclosure would give CenturyLink’s competitors a strategic advantage to compete directly with CenturyLink for customers in specific wire centers.

DISH Wireless LLC (2023.03.026)

(Dan Polkow)

On August 1, 2023, DISH Wireless L.L.C. d/b/a Gen Mobile (“DISH”) filed a Motion for Protective Order seeking to protect confidential information that DISH was requested in data requests PSC-005(c) and PSC-006(a). DISH seeks to protect information concerning its agreements with T-Mobile and AT&T, DISH’s plans to locate storefronts in Montana, current locations of its own facilities in Montana, and DISH’s plans to build its facilities in Montana. DISH asserts that the information is a trade secret that should be protected from public disclosure. DISH asserts the information derives independent economic value its secrecy, and public disclosure would give DISH’s competitors a strategic advantage. DISH asserts that it will suffer material harm and damage to its competitive position if the information were made 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>.

NorthWestern Energy (2022.07.077)

(Laura Vachowski)

On August 21, 2023, the Commission issued Term Protective Order 7894b. That Order granted NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) a term protective order to prevent, for four years, public disclosure of seven short-term, fixed-price transactions

to purchase natural gas (“Transaction Data”). In the Order, the Commission found NorthWestern had established a substantive prima facie case of trade secret confidentiality for the Transaction Data as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.5007(4)(b) and that a four-year term protective order was warranted.

**Information Items:** All items identified below are for *information only*.

1. 8/17/2023 – Received new telecommunications registration from Mosaic Networx, LLC (REG-7)

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

2023.08.075	TERRACOM Inc.	TERRACOM INC. d/b/a Maxsip Tel - App for ETC Designation
2023.08.076	NorthWestern Energy	NorthWestern Energy’s QF-1 Tariff Update Application

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- (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) join the “watch list” for a docket at the Commission’s website <http://psc.mt.gov>. Go to <http://psc.mt.gov/REDDI-Help> for instructions on joining watch lists.
- (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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