

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

October 02 – October 06, 2023

MONDAY 02	
TUESDAY 03	<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 September 25, 2023. <p>Work Sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023.03.019 – Hiland Partners Holdings LLC (“Hiland”) – Special Permit request for continued use of Zap-Lok™ joints on the 8” Bakken to WBI natural gas residue line – To consider modifying the Special Permit approved on September 12, 2023, which has not yet been issued. 2. 2023.06.058 – Energy West Montana, Inc. (“EWM”) and Cut Bank Gas Company (“CBGC”) – Motion for Partial Waiver of ARM 38.5.176 and 38.5.194 – To consider EWM and CBGC’s request to waive, for their rate case expected to be filed in January 2024, the requirements in Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.176 and Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.194 that mandate including a marginal cost of service study in the rate case.
WEDNESDAY 04	
THURSDAY 05	<p>10:40 AM – Legislative Audit Committee Meeting at the State Capitol Building, Room 172.</p>
FRIDAY 06	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AGENDA NO. 2023-10-03

Date Published: September 29, 2023

For Week Commencing: October 02, 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: October 03, 2023, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: October 03, 2023, 9:30 AM.

Action Items

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Patricia Trooien)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of September 25, 2023

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Other Meetings

1. October 05, 2023 – 10:40 AM – Legislative Audit Committee Meeting at the State Capitol Building, Room 172.

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>.

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

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

None

New Regulatory Dockets Received in Past Week:

None

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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. They are happy to assist you!

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