

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

**November 27 - December 1, 2023**

<b>MONDAY 27</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 28</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM – WEEKLY SCHEDULING MEETING (Commission Conference Room) (No web/audio feed)</b></p> <p><b>9:30 AM – BUSINESS MEETING (Bollinger Conference Room)</b></p> <p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>Roll Call</b></p> <p><b>Public Comment – Please follow the directions under ‘Public Involvement’ on the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Approval of Commission Minutes for week of November 06, 2023.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2023.08.079– Aquanet-Linlee Lake Estates (“Aquanet”) – Application for Rates and Charges for Service in Billings, MT. – (1) To consider appointing an internal staff attorney as Hearing Examiner; and (2) to consider authorizing a hearing on Aquanet’s application to be scheduled.</b></li> <li><b>2. 2022.02.019 – Miller Oil d/b/a The City Line – The Application for Miller Oil Company d/b/a The City Line to Return Over-Collected Propane Gas Costs – To consider draft final order on Miller Oil’s application to refund over-collected propane gas costs.</b></li> <li><b>3. 2023.06.048 – Energy West Montana (EWM) – EWM’s Application for an Order Making Interim Adjustments Final and to Reconcile the Collection of Gas Costs – To consider a draft final order on EWM’s Application to reconcile gas costs.</b></li> <li><b>4. 2023.06.049 – Energy West Montana (EWM) – EWM’s Application for an Order Approving its Reconciliation of the Collections and Disbursements of its Universal System Benefits (USB) Accounts – To consider a draft final order on EWM’s Application to reconcile its USB accounts.</b></li> </ol>
<b>WEDNESDAY 29</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 30</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 01</b>	

\*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, December 05, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 2023-11-28**

Date Published: November 24, 2023  
For Week Commencing: November 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: November 28, 2023, 9:00 AM.  
Commission Business Meeting: November 28, 2023, 9:30 AM.

**Action Items**

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Patricia Trooien)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of November 06, 2023

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**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.

1. NorthWestern Corporation                      2023.11.094                      (Amanda Webster)

On November 8, 2023, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) filed an application seeking authority to issue the following kinds of securities, not to exceed a total of \$950 million: (1) secured debt securities, not to exceed \$500 million, including (i) one or more new series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under NorthWestern’s Montana mortgage, or (ii) other secured debt securities; and (2) unsecured debt securities, not to exceed \$450 million, including subordinated or unsubordinated unsecured debentures, debt securities, notes, commercial paper, or other evidence of unsecured indebtedness.

NorthWestern seeks Commission authorization to issue these debt securities over two years, as NorthWestern deems necessary in one or more transactions, from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. NorthWestern states that the proceeds acquired from these debt securities will be used to support Montana-regulated capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes, acquire Montana-regulated assets, and refinance and repay its outstanding obligations, including refinance \$336 million of existing debt.

**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.

1. G&G Garbage, LLC                      2023.07.060                      (Amanda Webster)

On June 30, 2023, G&G Garbage, LLC (“G&G”) requested that the Commission approve an agreement between G&G and Kurtz Sanitation, Inc. (“Kurtz”) for G&G to lease Class D motor carrier public convenience and necessity authority PSC No. 2740 for one year. The authority requested under this lease includes garbage transportation service within the City of Glendive, Montana and a twenty-five-mile radius thereof, with limitations prohibiting service to (1) a specified area around Interstate 94 and (2) roll-off or open top containers. On September 11, 2023, the Commission approved the lease of PSC No. 2740 from Kurtz to G&G for a period of one year starting on September 11, 2023 (“September Lease Approval”).

On or around September 27, 2023, Commission staff discovered that the authority granted to G&G in the September Lease Approval overlaps with authority that Kurtz previously leased to Miles City Sanitation Service, LLC through November 9, 2023 (Dkt. 2022.10.094). To avoid overlapping authority, the Commission intends to amend the effective date of its one-year approval of the lease of PSC No. 2740 from Kurtz to G&G to start on November 10, 2023.

**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 – Informational 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*.

1. Welncentivize, LLC (Tina Shorten)

On November 3, 2023, the Public Service Commission processed a new telecommunications registration from Welncentivize LLC (REG-27)

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

None

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**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) 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 comments 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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