

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

December 25 – December 29, 2023

MONDAY 25	Christmas Day – PSC Office Closed
TUESDAY 26	
WEDNESDAY 27	No Scheduling Meeting No Business Meeting
THURSDAY 28	
FRIDAY 29	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 2023-12-25**

Date Published: December 21, 2023
For Week Commencing: December 25, 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 Meetings – 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.

Triple S Disposal Inc. 2023.12.099 (Gwen Knight)

On December 8, 2023, Triple S Disposal Inc (“Triple S”) filed an Application for Transfer of Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN 4066) to Hurley Enterprises Inc. (“Hurley”). The Class D motor carrier authority that Triple S requests to transfer would allow Hurley to transport garbage and solid waste in Richland County, Montana, via roll-off service only.

Tristar Haul-Away 2023.12.101 (Gwen Knight)

On December 19, 2023, Tristar Haul-Away (“Tristar”) finalized an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Tristar’s Class D application requests authority to haul garbage within a 45-mile radius of Belgrade, Montana in Gallatin and Park counties.

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>.

TerraCom, Inc.	2023.08.075	(Amanda Webster)
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On December 8, 2023, TerraCom, Inc. d/b/a Maxsip Tel (“TerraCom”) filed a Motion for Protective Order seeking to protect information response to data request PSC-010(a) that TerraCom asserts is commercially sensitive, confidential, and proprietary. Specifically, TerraCom seeks a protective order for copies of TerraCom’s current Mobile Virtual Network Operator (“MVNO”) agreements with its underlying network carriers, AT&T and T-Mobile USA, Inc. TerraCom states that it derives independent economic value and a competitive advantage from maintaining secrecy of the MVNO agreements, and further, that the MVNO agreements qualify for protection as trade secrets.

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*.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Mike Sheard)

On December 1, 2023, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (MCI) submitted a letter notifying the Montana Public Service Commission of MCI's planned discontinuance of basic local exchange services to residential and small business customers in Montana on or after December 31, 2023. MCI explained that it ceased accepting new customers for these services when it grandfathered them on October 1, 2019, and as of December 1, 2023, there were only 7 residential customers and 6 small business customers remaining. MCI further explained that it has sent numerous communications to all affected customers advising them of the planned service discontinuance and of their need to select alternative providers. Affected customers who have questions are invited to call MCI at: 1-888-624-5622.

New Regulatory Dockets Received in Past Week:

2023.12.100 NorthWestern Energy 2024 Electric and Natural Gas Tax Tracker

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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. 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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