

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

<b>January 22 – January 26, 2024</b>	
<b>MONDAY 22</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 23</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 January 08, 2024.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Work Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) – NorthWestern’s Application for Authority to Increase Retail Electric and Natural Gas Utility Service Rates and for Approval of Electric and Natural Gas Service Schedules and Rules and Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design – To consider three motions for reconsideration.</b></li> <li><b>2. Commission Initiated – Commissioner Travel Report – To have Commissioners who have traveled provide an update to the public on the purpose of Commissioner's travel in conformance with agency blue book policy and how the same benefited the agency.</b></li> </ol>
<b>WEDNESDAY 24</b>	<p><b>10:00 AM - Legislative Audit Committee Meeting – State Capitol Building, Room 172.</b></p>
<b>THURSDAY 25</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 26</b>	

**\*Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**AGENDA NO. 2024.01.19**

Date Published: January 19, 2024

For Week Commencing: January 22, 2024

**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: January 23, 2024, 9:00 AM.

Commission Business Meeting: January 23, 2024, 9:30 AM.

**Action Items**

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Patricia Trooien)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 08, 2024

**Work Sessions**

1. 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) – NorthWestern’s Application for Authority to Increase Retail Electric and Natural Gas Utility Service Rates and for Approval of Electric and Natural Gas Service Schedules and Rules and Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design – To consider three motions for reconsideration.
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**Other Meetings**

1. January 24, 2024, 10:00 AM – Legislative Audit Committee Meeting – 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.

Yellowstone Pipe Line Company                      2024.01.010                      (Amanda Webster)

On December 20, 2023, Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (“YPLC”) submitted a request to update the language and product specifications in its two Montana intrastate tariffs effective February 1, 2024 (“Request”). YPLC’s Request includes tariff language indicating YPLC will have no obligation, except upon written approval, to accept petroleum products that do not meet its product specifications.

**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.

Tristar Haul-Away                      2023.12.101                      (Gwen Knight)

On December 20, 2023, Tristar Haul-Away (“Tristar”) finalized its Application for Intrastate Temporary Operating Authority (“TOA Application”). Tristar’s TOA Application requests temporary operating authority to transport general household solid waste and light construction material as a Class D motor carrier 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>

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*.

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 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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