

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

February 12 – February 16, 2024

MONDAY 12	9:00 A.M. – Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition (SCERPA) – State Capitol Building, Room 137.
TUESDAY 13	<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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Approval of Commission Minutes for week of February 5, 2024.</p> <p>Work Sessions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. 2024.01.011 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) – NorthWestern’s Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.1909 (“Petition”) – To consider beginning informal conferences to obtain viewpoints of interested persons with respect to Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.1909.</p>
WEDNESDAY 14	
THURSDAY 15	
FRIDAY 16	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, March 05, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 2024.02.13**

Date Published: February 09, 2024
For Week Commencing: February 12, 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: February 13, 2024, 9:00 AM.
Commission Business Meeting: February 13, 2024, 9:30 AM.

Action Items

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Patricia Trooien)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of February 05, 2024

Work Sessions

1. 2024.01.011 – NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) – NorthWestern’s Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.1909 (“Petition”) – To consider beginning informal conferences to obtain viewpoints of interested persons with respect to Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.1909.

Other Meetings

February 12, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. – Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition (SCERPA) – State Capitol Building, Room 137.

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.

Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Dan Polkow)

The following parties have filed an agreement for interconnection and/or an amendment to an interconnection agreement on file with the Montana Public Service Commission:

- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and OneEighty Communications, Inc. d/b/a Integra Telecom (Docket Number 2000.11.200)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Sagebrush Cellular Inc. (Docket Number 2006.01.003)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Wide Voice, LLC (Docket Number 2024.02.017)

- CenturyTel of Montana, Inc d/b/a CenturyLink and Barr Tell USA, LLC (Docket Number 2024.02.018)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC (Docket Number 2024.02.019)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Barr Tell USA, LLC (Docket Number 2024.02.020)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC (Docket Number 2024.02.021)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Bresnan Broadband of Montana LLC (Docket Number 2006.08.123)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Montana Inc. (Docket Number 2005.03.036)
- QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC (Docket Number 2003.11.158)
- CenturyTel of Montana, Inc d/b/a CenturyLink and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Montana, Inc. d/b/a MetTel (Docket Number 2013.08.059)

Public comments concerning the above-identified interconnection agreements must be filed with the Commission within 21 days of the publication of this agenda.

Each interconnection agreement was voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved and each agreement is effective upon the agreement's execution date. The agreements are available for viewing on the Commission's website or at the Commission's office in Helena. Interested persons may submit comments to the Commission through the Commission's website or mail comments to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. Any comments that are submitted through mail must clearly identify the docket number in question. The Commission may also be reached by telephone at (406)-444-6199.

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

(Amanda Webster)

On February 2, 2024, Tristar Haul-Away ("Tristar") submitted an Amended Application for [Class D] Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Amended Application"). Tristar's Amended Application requests authority to haul garbage to lawful disposal sites

between all points and places in Gallatin County, limited to using 10 or fewer 15-yard, bumper-pull dump trailers.

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:

2024.02.017	CenturyLink Communications LLC	Interconnection Agreement with CenturyLink QC and Wide Voice
2024.02.018	CenturyLink (CenturyTel)	ICA between CenturyTel of Montana and Barr Tell USA, LLC
2024.02.019	CenturyLink (CenturyTel)	ICA between CTL of MT and Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC
2024.02.020	CenturyLink Communications LLC	ICA between CenturyLink QC and Barr Tell USA, LLC
2024.02.021	CenturyLink Communications LLC	ICA between CenturyLink QC and Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC

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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. They are happy to assist you!

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