

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Commission Meetings:

February 09, 2026 – February 13, 2026

MONDAY 9	NARUC – 2026 NARUC Winter Policy Summit – Washington D.C.
TUESDAY 10	NARUC – 2026 NARUC Winter Policy Summit – Washington D.C. 11:30 AM – Lunch and Learn – Workers Compensation Training for Department Personnel – Safety in The Workplace (Bollinger Conference Room) No Weekly Scheduling Meeting No Business Meeting
WEDNESDAY 11	NARUC – 2026 NARUC Winter Policy Summit – Washington D.C.
THURSDAY 12	
FRIDAY 13	

***Next Commission Business Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 1:30 P.M.**

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 2026.02.09**

Date Published: February 06, 2026
For Week Commencing: February 09, 2026

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 Weekly Scheduling Meeting
No Business Meeting

Action Items

None.

Work Sessions

None.

Other Meetings

February 08 – 11, 2026 – NARUC – 2025 Winter Policy Summit, Washington D.C.
February 10, 2026, 11:30 AM – Lunch and Learn – Workers Compensation Training for Department Personnel – Safety in The Workplace, Bollinger Conference Room.

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. Public comments on a noticed matter must be submitted within the required deadline provided in the Notice. Please refer to the "Public Involvement" item in this Agenda for options and assistance.

None.

Transportation Notice Items: Anyone may protest Class A, D, and E applications. Protests related to an application for Class A and E passenger authority are 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>.

Black Hills Corporation 2025.10.078 Tarin Slayton

On January 15, 2026, Black Hills Corporation (“Black Hills”) filed a Motion for Protective Order seeking to protect from public disclosure information related to all non-public forecasted financial information. Specifically, Black Hills seeks to protect all non-public forecasted financial information and related analyses created by or for Black Hills that is responsive to data request Laborers-012 or any other data request in this docket from any party or the Commission seeking the same information. Black Hills asserts the information qualifies for protection as confidential, trade secret information

Black Hills Corporation 2025.10.078 Pamela Snyder-Varns

On January 20, 2026, Black Hills Corporation (“Black Hills”) filed a motion for a protective order. Black Hills seeks to protect confidential federal and state tax returns and tax return information responsive to Data Requests MCC-087 and MCC-088 and any other data request in this docket from any party or the Commission seeking the same information. Black Hills asserts the information qualifies for protection because disclosure of the information is prohibited under federal and state law.

NorthWestern Energy and Black Hills Corp 2025.10.078 Tarin Slayton

On January 20, 2026, NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, NorthWestern Energy Group Inc. and Black Hills Corporation (collectively, “Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Motion for Protective Order. The Motion seeks to protect from public disclosure information and documents sought through multiple data requests from the Montana Consumer Counsel (“MCC”) and the Montana Public Service Commission (“PSC”). Specifically, the Joint Applicants seek to protect information, including investment and strategic business information, their confidential S-4 filing, due diligence information, board presentations and minutes, Rating Evaluation Service and Rating Assessment Service reports prepared by rating agencies and provided to the Joint Applicants, employee information, information provided to credit rating analysts, and savings analyses responsive to Data Requests PSC-001, MCC-050, PSC-002, PSC-007, MCC-051, PSC-003, MCC-052, PSC-004, MCC-049, MCC-040, MCC-051, MCC-078, MCC-097, MCC-010, MCC-029, and MCC-059, and any other data request in this docket from any party or the Commission seeking the same information. The

Joint Applicants assert the information qualifies for protection because it is trade secret information, involves individual privacy, and is entitled to protection under federal law.

NorthWestern Energy and Black Hills Corp 2025.10.078 Pamela Snyder-Varns

On January 27, 2026, NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, NorthWestern Energy Group Inc. and Black Hills Corporation (collectively, "Joint Applicants") filed a Joint Motion for Protective Order. The Joint Applicants seek to protect information about their information technology systems and data security information responsive to Data Requests PSC-001 and PSC-002 and any other data request in this docket from any party or the Commission seeking the same information. The Joint Applicants assert the information qualifies for protection as trade secrets and is otherwise entitled to protection in the interest of public safety.

NorthWestern Energy and Black Hills Corp 2025.10.078 Pamela Snyder-Varns

On January 27, 2026, NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, NorthWestern Energy Group Inc. and Black Hills Corporation (collectively, "Joint Applicants") filed a Joint Motion for Protective Order. The Joint Applicants seek to protect information and documents relating to a potential transmission project. Specifically, the Joint Applicants seek the protection of information about negotiations, customers, and planning associated with the transmission project, which is responsive to Data Request PSC-008 and any other data request in this docket from any party or the Commission seeking the same information. The Joint Applicants assert the information qualifies for protection as trade secrets. The Joint Applicants also state the information is otherwise entitled to protection because its disclosure is prohibited under federal law and because it includes the information of a third party which Black Hills is legally obligated to protect under a non-disclosure agreement.

NorthWestern Energy 2025.10.078 Tarin Slayton

On January 27, 2026, NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. (collectively "NorthWestern") filed a Motion for Protective Order. The Motion seeks to protect from public disclosure information related to a confidential gas storage project which is still under development and included in due diligence materials sought in pending data requests in the docket including, but not limited to, PSC-001. Specifically, NorthWestern seeks to protect portions of a presentation by NorthWestern's Vice-President of Supply and Montana Government Affairs, John Hines, to the Board of Black Hills, which include information about the confidential gas storage project. NorthWestern asserts the information qualifies for protection as trade secret information.

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.

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

None.

New Regulatory Dockets Received in the Past Week:

2026.02.012

CenturyTel of Montana Inc.

Interconnection Agreement

General Information: This is the Commission's Agenda for the week designated above. At least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, the Agenda will be posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission's office, emailed to all persons who have requested notice by email and posted on the Commission's website <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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 PM 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.
- (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 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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