

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meetings:**

**February 09, 2026 – February 13, 2026**

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

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

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**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>.

<u>Black Hills Corporation</u>	<u>2025.10.078</u>	<u>Tarin Slayton</u>
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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

<u>Black Hills Corporation</u>	<u>2025.10.078</u>	<u>Pamela Snyder-Varns</u>
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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.

<u>NorthWestern Energy and Black Hills Corp</u>	<u>2025.10.078</u>	<u>Tarin Slayton</u>
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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

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**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
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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 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](mailto: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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