

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 10-04-06**

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Commission Meeting: April 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Verizon Business Services N2010.3.29 (Scott)

On March 18, 2010, Verizon Business Services Tariff No. 2 filed Transmittal Letter No. 10-02. In this filing Verizon Business Services is requesting to grandfather \$20 credit plan and \$25 credit plan. Probable Motion: Approve Verizon Business Services' Tariff No. 2 Transmittal Letter No. 10-02 in Docket N2010.3.29.

2. Verizon Business Services N2010.3.30 (Scott)

On March 18, 2010, Verizon Business Services Tariff No. 3 filed Transmittal Letter No. 10-02. In this filing Verizon Business Services is requesting to grandfather Flex T1 Plan. Probable Motion: Approve Verizon Business Services' Tariff No. 3 Transmittal Letter No. 10-02 in Docket N2010.3.30.

3. Ronan Telephone Company N2010.3.31 (Scott)

On March 18, 2010, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) requested revisions to its Digital Primary Rate Interface Tariff. This filing proposes adding discounts for customers that commit to a long term contract for this service. Probable Motion: Approve RTC's request in Docket N2010.3.31.

4. Qwest LD Corporation N2010.3.32 (Scott)

On March 19, 2010, Qwest LD Corporation (QLDC) filed Tariff Transmittal QLDC 10-01. QLDC requests it be allowed to modify call detail language for Qwest Residential Unlimited Plans. QLDC will provide call detail on the customer's paper bill only upon request beginning April 19, 2010. Probable Motion: Approve QLDC's Tariff Transmittal QLDC 10-01 in Docket N2010.3.32.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.10.146 – Salish Shores Utility Corp. – Amended Application to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Sanders County, Montana, Service Area – Discuss and act on draft final order. (4/6/10)

2. D2008.7.85 – Wettington Water District, Inc. – Application to Implement Increased Rates for Water Service in its Kalispell, Montana, Service Area – Get direction and/or act on final order. (4/6/10)
3. D2009.12.161 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) - Application for Authority for Deferred Accounting for Costs Related to Securing New Electric Generation – Consider and act upon MDU’s accounting application. (4/6/10)
4. FERC Docket No. ER09-1314-001 – NorthWestern Corporation’s request to FERC to approve its proposed Schedule 10 - Regulation and Frequency Response Service for exported energy – Consider staff’s request to seek “out-of-time” intervention in this matter. (4/6/10)
5. D2008.12.146 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities – Discuss/act on staff recommendations for final order. (4/6/10)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyLink N2010.3.36 (Scott)

On March 26, 2010, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 10-04. The purpose of this filing is to introduce the Additional Line Bundle and Economy Pak Plus Bundle into the tariff.

2. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. N2010.1.1 (JOEL)

On March 29, 2010, the Commission received an application from Montana-Dakota Utilities for approval of its tariff Rate 53 reflecting updates to costs associated with moving electric facilities to accommodate structure moves.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NorthWestern Energy D2009.9.129 & D2007.7.82 (AI)

On February 26, 2010, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a request for waiver to allow late-filed motion for protective order and a motion for protective order to govern access to certain information that has been requested by data requests in this Docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection of “portions of [its] FIN 48 Binder.” NWE argues the information is trade secret.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2010.3.27 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 2010 Natural Gas USB Tracking Adjustment

N2010.3.36 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink – Advice No. 10-04, Introduce the Additional Line Bundle and Economy Pak Plus Bundle