

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 10-12-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 6, 2010

Commission Meeting: December 7, 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. Approval of Commission Minutes (Kate)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of November 29, 2010

2. Lee Reynolds T-10.37.ST (Eric D.)

On October 22, 2010, Lee Reynolds, Helena, Montana, through the estate administrator, filed an application to transfer PSC No. 869 to C. Lee Reynolds LLC dba Mobile City Home Park, Helena, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on November 8, 2010, and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer as requested.

SUB A Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage in the City of Helena, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited.

3. Lee Reynolds T-10.38.ST (Eric D.)

On October 22, 2010, Lee Reynolds, Helena, Montana, through the estate administrator, filed an application to transfer PSC No. 6079 to Kelly Kugler, Helena, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on November 8, 2010, and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer as requested.

Class C - Property in the City of Helena, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

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

1. D2010.9.96 – Qwest Corporation and Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC – Application for Approval of Wireline Interconnection Agreement – Discuss/act on the interconnection agreement. (12/7/10)
2. D2010.5.50 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost – Change hearing dates from January 12-13 to January 19-20, 2011. (12/7/10)
3. D2010.6.69 – Energy West Montana – Annual Application for Approval of Monthly Gas Cost Tracker True-Up and Projected Gas Costs – Discuss/act on final order. (12/7/10)
4. D2010.11.109 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Authority to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment – Rate 35 – Discuss/act on interim order. (12/7/10)
5. D2010.9.98 – Treeline Springs, LLC – Application for Increased Rates for Water and Wastewater Service – Discuss and act on Treeline’s motion for protective order for tax returns and tax return information. (12/7/10)
6. Report on Electric Efficiency and Conservation – Present report to Commission and discuss possible roundtable date. (12/7/10)
7. D2009.9.129 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates and Implement Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design Proposals – Discuss/act on final order. (12/7/10)
8. Placeholder – D2008.4.36 – PSC Investigation of NorthWestern Corporation’s Compliance with Order 6505e – Discuss and act on Settlement Agreement if received from NorthWestern Energy. (12/7/10)
9. Personnel – Centralized Service Administrator replacement; other personnel matters – Designate Staci Litschauer as Centralized Service Administrator (PSC exempt position). (12/7/10)
10. Blue Book (operations manual) revisions – 1) Discuss timing of Blue Book revisions – whether this Commission wants to consider revisions, or defer consideration to the next Commission; and 2) Depending on the decision on #1, placeholder for discussion of certain revisions. (12/7/10)

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. NorthWestern Corporation (NOR) D2010.11.110 (Eric)

On November 29, 2010, NOR filed an application seeking authority to issue over a two-year period through and including December 31, 2012, some or all of the following kinds of securities not to exceed in the aggregate \$850 million. The specific types of issuances are: (1) Equity securities of Applicant not to exceed \$250 million, including without limitation, common stock, preferred stock, convertible or unconvertible preferred securities and hybrid securities issuable directly or indirectly by Applicant; (2) Secured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$250,000,000, including, without limitation: (i) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's Montana mortgage; (ii) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's South Dakota mortgage; (iii) Other secured debt securities; (3) Unsecured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$350 million, including, without limitation, subordinated or unsubordinated unsecured debentures, debt securities, notes, commercial paper or other evidences of unsecured indebtedness. The Applicant will use the proceeds to support state-regulated public utility capital expenditures and acquisitions of state-regulated public utility assets, the refunding or repayment of its outstanding obligations and other general corporate purposes.

2. POWEREX CORP. N2005.8.117 (JOEL)

On November 24, 2010, POWEREX requested the Commission cancel its gas supplier license. POWEREX stated it has no customers and does not intend to solicit any customers.

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.

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

D2010.11.109 – Montana-Dakota Utilities co. – Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment – Rate 35
D2010.11.110 – NorthWestern Corporation – Petition for Authority to Issue Securities