

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-04-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 25, 2011
Commission Meeting: April 26, 2011, 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 April 4, 2011

2. BLACK HILLS POWER (BHP) D2011.3.25 (Eric)

On March 15, 2011, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on March 18, 2011. Requests for hearing were due by April 25, 2011. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$88,908 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

3. CenturyLink N2011.4.30 (Scott)

On April 5, 2011, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 11-06. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a database records fee applicable to wireless carriers. A minimum charge of 100 records is applicable per month. Montana wireless carriers will now pay a records fee similar to the fee assessed on the wireline access lines. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink Advice No. 11-06 in Docket N2011.4.30.

4. AAA Night Taxi TN2500 (Eric D.)

Eric Fruehstorfer dba AAA Night Taxi, Lewistown, Montana, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9471, April 26, 2011, to October 26, 2011. Probable Motion: Approve the suspension of PSC No. 9471 as requested.

Sub A Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Lewistown, Montana and a sixty (60) mile radius thereof.
Limitation: 1) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

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

1. D2010.11.107 – Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities – Application for Authority to Increase Electric Rates – Discuss and act on default order. (4/26/11)

2. FERC ER10-1138 – Mill Creek Generating Station Schedule 3 Allocation – Discuss PSC’s settlement position on MCGS Schedule 3 cost allocation and designate Commission representatives to May 9 settlement conference. (4/26/11)
3. Ultra vires activities of the Chair – Determine whether the new Chairman will voluntarily submit to a “Chairman’s Code of Conduct” authored by Commissioner Kavulla and discuss the merits and necessity of such. (4/26/11)
4. DDV 2011-79, 86, and 89 – Montana Consumer Counsel, Northwestern Energy and Human Resource Council v. PSC – Discuss settlement proposal. (4/26/11)

Other Meetings

4/25/11 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Midwest ISO update (Bollinger Room)

4/26/11 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Midwest ISO resource adequacy presentation (Bollinger Room)

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.

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. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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 viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None