

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-11-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 31, 2011
Commission Meeting: November 1, 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 (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 24, 2011

2. Shorty's Shuttle LLC TN2512 (Nickie)

Shorty's Shuttle LLC, Roundup, Montana, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9474 for the period, November 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012. Proposed Motion: Approve the suspension of PSC No. 9474 as requested.

Class B – Passengers, in rate regulated service, 1) between all points and places in Musselshell County and 2) between all points and places in Musselshell County to Billings Logan International Airport or medical facilities in Billings, Montana. LIMITATION: All movements must originate or terminate in Musselshell County.

3. Citizens Telecommunications N2011.10.88 (Scott)

On October 14, 2011, Citizens Telecommunications filed Advice Letter No. MT-11-05. The purpose of this filing is to discontinue Calling Card Service. Customers are being notified in advance via a bill message. Citizens are requesting this filing become effective on November 14, 2011. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-11-05. In Docket N2011.10.88.

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

1. D2011.8.68 - Hydrodynamics Inc. – Petition to set terms and conditions for a power purchase and sale agreement for the Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC project pursuant to 69-3-601 through 69-3-604, MCA – Discuss and act on the revised procedural order. (11/01/11)
2. D2008.8.95 – NorthWestern Energy – Dave Gates Generating Station compliance filing – Consider NWE's objection to Large Customer Group Data Request No. 64-asks NWE to provide responses to all discoveries in NWE's FERC Schedule 3 filing in which the Large Customer Group is a party and has already received the responses sought. (11/01/11)
3. D2010.9.90 – Energy West – General Rate Case – Direction and Decision. (11/01/11)

Other Meetings**10/31/11 – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy information meeting regarding its Distribution System Infrastructure Project (Bollinger Room)**

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

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1. Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) N2011.10.90 (Scott)

On October 21, 2011, MDU filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2011. Consistent with orders 7175 and 7176 MDU has chosen to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax increases at this time. MDU proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on MDU's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from 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. 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

N2011.09.85 - CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink - Advice No. 11-08
- Introduce "Natural Disaster Relief for Customers" to Assist Customers impacted by a Natural Disaster
N2011.10.90 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Request that the PSC authorize the accumulation of under and over collections of PSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2011