

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO.11-11-08**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 7, 2011
Commission Meeting: November 8, 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 31, 2011

2. 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. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's request in docket N2011.10.90.

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

1. D2011.8.72; D2011.8.71; and D2011.8.73 – Qwest d/b/a CenturyLink/Adams Technology Group; Qwest/Wholesale Carrier Services; and Qwest/365 Wireless, LLC – Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on proposed interconnection agreements. (11/8/11)
2. D2010.7.77 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities – Discuss and act on NWE's Motion for Reconsideration of Option 1(c) Wind Rate. (11/8/11)
3. D2005.11.163 and D2005.11.164 – Utility Solutions – General Rate Case – Act on Final Order.(11/8/11)
4. D2011.6.53 – Invenergy Wind Development Montana, LLC (Invenergy) – Motion for Protective Order – Discuss and act on Inverergy's Motion for Protective Order. (11/8/11)
5. D2011.6.46 – Electric City Power, Inc. (ECP) – Petition for a Waiver from Full Compliance with the 2010 Renewable Portfolio Standard – Discuss and act on ECP's settlement offer. (11/8/11)

Other Meetings

11/10/11 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar, “How States Can Achieve Effective Clean-Energy Policies despite Constraints, Tensions, and Conflicting Objectives” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

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

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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

N2011.11.91 - CenturyLink - Forbearance Application Regarding Wells Fargo
N2011.11.92 - CenturyLink - Forbearance Application Regarding KRMC