

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 16-4-5**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 4, 2016
Commission Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 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 March 28, 2016.

2. Out of state travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for out-of-state travel for: Bob Decker to attend a joint meeting of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board (WIRAB) and the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) April 25-27, 2016, in Salt Lake City, UT and for Margo Schurman to attend the Western NARUC Utility Rate School May 16-20, 2016, in San Diego, CA. Probable Motion: Move to approve the staff travel request.

3. Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (Mike)

The following interconnection agreements and amendments to existing interconnection agreements have been filed with the Commission for approval. Each has been voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved. These interconnection agreements have been properly noticed, and no comments or objection have been received by the Commission. All parties to each of the interconnection agreements are registered telecommunications carriers in Montana. Details of the interconnection agreements have been included with each filing and are available on the Commission's website under its respective docket number.

D2016.1.5 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and SS7 Networks, Inc.

D2016.1.6 – CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink and SS7 Networks, Inc.

D2010.12.115 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Level 3 Communications

Probable Motion: Move to approve the interconnection agreements and amendments as filed.

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

1. D2015.1.14 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Petition for Certification of the Thunder Spirit Wind Project as an Eligible Renewable Resource - Discuss and act on petition.
2. D2015.12.95 - Black Hills Power, Inc.'s Application for Approval to Cancel the Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider - Discuss and act on Application.
3. D2016.1.8 - NorthWestern Energy's Compliance Filing - Discuss and act on whether to identify additional issues.
4. D2015.8.64 - Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's Petition to have the Commission Set Contract Terms and Conditions - Discuss and act on Greycliff's Motion in Limine and discovery objections.
5. PSC IT - Provide an update to Commissioners on the PSC's IT.

Other Meetings

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 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. On March 24, 2016, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requested approval to discontinue Rate 53 in their tariff which would be updated annually to reflect rates associated with structure moves and instead file an annual cost sheet in accordance with 69-4-602.

Transportation Notice Items: Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by **April 24, 2016**. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at

<http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final order on the application without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

Certificate of Compliance

1. T-16.11.COC - Joseph L. Garcia dba Butte Cab Company

Class B-Passengers in rate regulated service within the City of Butte, Montana, and between all points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles from said city.

2. T-16.12.COC - Arrow Shuttle LLC

Class B-Passengers in non-rate regulated service between all points and places in the state of Montana.

3. T-16.14.COC - North of Yellowstone Shuttle & Charter, LLC

Class B-Passenger in non-rate regulated service between all points and places within the State of Montana.

Sale and Transfer of Operating Authority

1. T-16.13.ST - Transfer of PSC No. 9479

Transferor: Dennis F. Orr Sr dba South Lake Taxi

Transferee: Sierra L. Kneeland dba South Lake Taxi II, LLC

Protective Orders – Notice Items: The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5007. 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 Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. On March 10, 2016, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the *Motion for an Order Protecting Information Requested as a Late-Filed Exhibit* filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities on March 4, 2016.

Information Items: All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2016.3.25 – Energy West Incorporated - Monthly Gas Cost Tracking
Application for the Period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017

D2016.3.27 – NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of its 2016 Natural
Gas Universal System Benefits Charge Rate Adjustment

D2016.3.28 – H & I Development, Inc. - H & I Development, Inc.'s Application for
Streamlined Water Rates

D2016.3.29 – Black Hills Corporation - Application for Authority to Establish a
Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2016.3.30 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Conservation
Tracking Adjustment (CTA)

D2016.3.31 - Ronan Telephone Company - Petition for Declaratory Ruling in
regard to RTC Montana Access Tariffs