

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 16-11-22**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 21, 2016

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

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**Action Items:** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 31, 2016.

2. Frontier Communications of Montana N2016.10.82 (Tina)

On October 19, 2016, Frontier Communications of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-16-04. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a variety of operator services for business and residential customers. Frontier requests that this filing become effective November 20, 2016. Probable

Motion: Approve Frontier's Advice Letter No. MT-16-04 in docket N2016.10.82.

3. D2016.9.72 and D2016.9.73 – Pass-Through of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding the Montana Consumer Counsel and Public Service Commission (Dagan)  
NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) have requested to accrue under and over collections of the Montana Consumer Counsel and the Montana Public Service Commission tax change until the next general rate case. Probable Motion: Approve the requests from NorthWestern and MDU.

4. Sage Energy Trading, LLC N2016.9.71 (Joel)

On September 20, 2016, Sage Energy Trading, LLC filed an application with the Commission for a Natural Gas Supplier License to serve large industrial customers in the State of Montana. Sage Energy Trading has met the requirements for a gas supplier license. Probable Motion: Approve the gas supplier license for Sage Energy Trading, LLC.

5. Out-of-state travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Elizabeth Torske to travel to Bismarck, ND December 18-23 to conduct a joint state pipeline safety inspection of MDU's Drug and Alcohol Plan and Operator Qualification Plan. Probable Motion: Approve the out-of-state travel request for Elizabeth Torske.

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

1. PSC Initiated – Annual Pipeline Safety Rulemaking – Discuss and direct staff to file the rulemaking notice. (11/22/16)

### **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,

either by mail or hand delivery, 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 via the PSC's public comment email, [psc\\_utilitycomment@mt.gov](mailto:psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov). A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC D2016.10.80 (Dagan)

On October 17, 2016, Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC filed a request for cancellation of Montana PSC tariff No. 4.6.

2. Phillips 66 Carrier LLC D2016.10.80 (Dagan)

On October 17, 2016, Phillips 66 Carrier LLC filed a request to adopt Montana tariff No. 1.0 from Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC. In adopting the old tariff Phillips 66 Carrier LLC will replace tariff No. 2.1.

Phillips 66 Carrier LLC also requests to adopt Montana tariff No. 4.6 from Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC. In adopting the tariff Phillips 66 Carrier LLC will replace the old tariff No. with 2.0.

3. Lifeline Program Tariff Changes N2016.11.86 (Tina)

On November 10, 2016, the Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Staff Action requesting carriers with tariffs on file with the Commission submit a filing to remove descriptive wording in their tariff regarding Lifeline and replace it with a brief explanation that they provide Lifeline as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission. The following carrier has submitted tariffs in compliance with the November 10 notice:

Hot Springs Telephone Company

**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 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.

**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>

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

### **New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week**

N2016.11.86 – PSC Initiated - IN THE MATTER OF Lifeline Program Tariff Changes

D2016.11.87 – Cut Bank Gas Company - IN THE MANNER OF the Application of Cut Bank Gas Company for Annual True Up of Gas Costs for 2015

D2016.11.88 – NorthWestern Energy - IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's Petition for an Accounting Order Authorizing the Deferral of the Expense-Related Portion of the Costs Associated with Phasing in its Natural Gas Transmission Integrity Verification Program

D2016.11.89 - Energy West Montana Inc. - IN THE MATTER OF the Application of Energy West Montana for an Order Approving its Reconciliation of the Collections and Disbursements of its Universal Systems Benefits Account

### **New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week**