

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 10- 01-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 11, 2010  
Commission Meeting: January 12, 2010, 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. Verizon N2009.12.158 (Scott)

On December 17, 2009 Verizon filed Transmittal Letter No. 09-04 to Grandfather RJL Savings Plan and to Introduce RLJ Savings Plan II. Probable Motion: Approve Verizon's Transmittal Letter No. 09-04 in Docket N2009.12.158.

2. CenturyLink N2009.12.160 (Scott)

On December 21, 2009, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 09-10 to Update Outbound Call Block, Custom Calling Services Feature and Introduces Pure Broadband Bundle, a packaged service. Also the Company is implementing a Residence Customer Referral Program. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink's Advice No. 09-10 in Docket N2009.12.160.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities N2009.10.141 (Phil)

On October 30, 2009 MDU filed a tariff revision to its Natural Gas Service and Electric Rate Schedules to change the maximum allowed percentage of Federal Poverty for the Low-Income Discount from 150% to the maximum allowed by DPHHS. DPHHS establishes the percentage of poverty guidelines, and this change will eliminate the need for any further revisions to track subsequent changes by DPHHS. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's filing in N2009.10.141 as filed.

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

1. D2009.10.134 – Qwest Corporation and Ganoco, Inc. d/b/a American Dial Tone – Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (1/12/10)
2. D2009.9.129 & D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates and Implement Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design Proposals – Consider and act on NWE's Motion to consolidate dockets. (1/12/10)
3. Chris Frideres DBA C&F Resources – Complaint against NorthWestern Energy Involving USB Funding Restrictions – Discuss whether the complaint states a cause of action within the PSC's jurisdiction. (1/12/10)

4. Out of state travel – Obtain approval of Kim Moran’s travel to St. Paul, MN, for the February 8 MISO Regional Expansion Criteria & Benefits Task Force (RECB) meeting and the Organization of MISO States Cost Allocation & Regional Planning (CARP) meeting, February 9-10. (1/12/10)

### **Other Meetings**

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.

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2010.1.2 (Eric D)

On January 6, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a natural gas tariff sheet titled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 5th Revised Sheet No. 4). The modified tariff sheet revises Heating Zone 14 and establishes two new Heating Zones –Heating Zone 141and Heating Zone 142. The establishment of the Heating Zones was requested by MDU to accommodate the addition of a gas chromatograph at the Lovell Compressor Station by Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company.

**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. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**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 obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2010.1.1 – PSC Initiated – 2010 Annual Line Moving Charges – Compliance Filings

N2010.1.2 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Heating Zone Boundary Changes