

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 10-12-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 20, 2010

Commission Meeting: December 21, 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. Approval of Commission Minutes (Kate)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 6, 2010

2. Dumpy Drawers T-10.32.PCN (Eric D.)

On September 22, 2010, NPK Turf Services, Inc. dba Dumpy Drawers, Bozeman, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public and protests were filed. Based on the protestants' concerns, the applicant agreed to limit the authority it requested in its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Protestants subsequently withdrew their protests. Probable Motion: Approve the applicant's request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity with the authority granted by the language shown below.

Class D – Garbage within the city of Bozeman, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. LIMITATIONS: 1) Transportation is limited to the following items: television sets, couches, beds, mattresses, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, heaters, air conditioners, lawn mowers, snow blowers, bicycles, motorcycles, entertainment centers, shelves, desks, filing cabinets, dressers, tables, chairs, boats, kayaks, water troughs and feed troughs. 2) Transportation is limited to Gallatin and Madison Counties.

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

1. D2009.5.63 and D2010.5.49 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas cost trackers – Discuss/act on final order. (12/21/10)
2. D2010.8.82 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service – Consider and rule on MDU's Motion for Protective Order. (12/21/10)
3. Agency Strike Plan – Discuss strike plan options and incorporating final version in the agency Blue Book. (12/21/10)

4. Operations manual (Blue Book) – Consider draft revisions to the Blue Book. (12/21/10)
5. **2:00 p.m.** – BPA residential exchange program – Discuss signing letter to Montana congressional delegation regarding regional settlement of residential exchange issues. (12/21/10)

**Other Meetings**

**12/21/10 1:30 p.m. – Presentation by NorthWestern Energy on status of regional efforts to settle residential exchange issues (Bollinger Room)**

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. CenturyLink N2010.12.114 (Scott)

On December 9, 2010, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 10-16. The purpose of the filing is to introduce Pure Bundle Satisfaction Guarantee, Winback, \$5.00 Bill Credit, and Waiver of Access Line Service Connect Charge as Comprehensive Response offers.

**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 8.2.5008. 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**

N2010.12.111 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural Gas Biennial Procurement Plan  
N2010.12.114 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink – Advice No. 10-16, Introduce Pure Bundle Satisfaction Guarantee, Winback, \$5.00 Bill Credit, and Waiver of Access Line Service Connect Charges as Competitive Response Offers  
D2010.12.115 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, LLC – Application for Approval of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement