

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 11-04-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 4, 2011
Commission Meeting: April 5, 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 (Kate)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of March 14, 2011

2. Move It LLC T-11.2.PCN (Nickie)

On December 21, 2010 Move It LLC, Bozeman, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application as noticed to the public on January 13, 2011. Protests were received. On March 25, 2011 the applicant submitted a request to withdraw their application and requests the Commission close the docket. Probable Motion: Accept the applicant's request to withdraw Docket T-11.2.PCN and close the docket.

Class B - household goods within the City of Bozeman, Montana and a 100 mile radius thereof.

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

1. D2008.8.95 – NWE – Application of NWE for approval to Construct and Operate the Mill Creek Generating Station to Supply Regulation Service for NWE's Montana Electric Operations and Montana Transmission Control Area – Discuss and act of Pro Hac Vice Motion of Craig Gannett. (04/05/11)
2. Out of state travel – Discuss and act on request for Sarah Norcott to attend Camp NARUC in August 2011. (4/5/11)
3. Placeholder – Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (4/5/11)
4. **4/4/11 1:30 p.m., 4/6/11 at 8:30 a.m., 4/7/11 at 8:30 a.m. and 4/8/11 at 9:00 a.m.** - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (4/5/11)

5. **4/6/11, 9:00 AM** – D2010.5.50 – NWE – 2009-10 annual electric supply cost tracker – Discuss and act on staff recommendation for final order (04/6/11)

Other Meetings

4/5/11, 1:00 PM – N2010.12.113 – PSC Roundtable on Electric Energy Efficiency and Conservation Policy Options (Bollinger Room)

4/7/11, 9:00 AM – Roundtable Forum – FCC 11-13 ICC/VSF Reform NPRM (Bollinger Room)

4/7/11, 1:30 PM – Information meeting – Ronan Telephone Co. & Hot Springs Telephone Co. (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. Southern Montana Telephone Company N2011.3.28 (Mike)

On March 25, 2011, Southern Montana Telephone Company (SMTC) pursuant to §69-3-901 MCA gives Notice of proposed increase in local rates. SMTC proposes to increase its local residential service rates from \$13.75 per month to \$16.00 per month. It also proposes to increase its local business service rate from \$16.75 to \$19.00.

2. Montana-Dakota Utilities N2011.1.9 (Joel)

On March 28, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) requested approval of Rate 53, cost schedule for movement of structures.

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

N2011.3.28 – Southern Montana Telephone Company – Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Services Rates

D2011.3.29 – Energy West Montana – Monthly Gas Cost Tracking Application for the Period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012