

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-10-6**

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Commission Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 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 September 28, 2015.

2. Billings Yellow Cab T-15.43.COC (Brenda)

On August 24, 2015, Billings Yellow Cab LLC, Billings, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on September 3, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

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

3. Amazing Adventures T-15.44.COC (Nickie)

On August 25, 2015, Carrie Anne Pintar dba Amazing Adventures, Livingston, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on September 3, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

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

4. G&G Garbage, Inc. T-15.45.ST (Brenda)

On August 25, 2015, G & G Garbage, Inc., Baker, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9452 to G & G Garbage LLC, Baker, Montana. The application was noticed to the public on September 3, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 9452 as applied for.

Class D – Garbage from the Powder River County Transfer Station to certified landfills.

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

1. D2015.4.34 – Utility Solutions, LLC – Discuss and act on whether to approve a Stipulation between Utility Solutions, Four Corners Water and Sewer District, and the Montana Consumer Counsel to allow for the sale and purchase of the water and sewer systems. (10/6/15)
2. D2014.6.53 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on draft final order. (10/6/15)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

10/6/15 – 10:00 a.m. – D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Tracker Hearing (Bollinger Room) – audio feed only

10/7/15 – 9:00 a.m. – D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Tracker Hearing (Bollinger Room) – audio feed only

10/8/15 – 9:00 a.m. – D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Tracker Hearing (Bollinger Room) – audio feed only

10/9/15 – 9:00 a.m. – D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Tracker Hearing (Bollinger Room) – audio feed only

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1. NorthWestern Energy D2015.9.67 & D2015.9.68 (Dagan)

On September 28th 2015, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting

on October 1, 2015. NWE has requested to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax decreases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers.
Order 7437 increased the PSC tax rate. .20% to .23%
Order 7438 decreased the MCC tax rate. .10% to .06%

2. NorthWestern Energy D2014.7.58 (Jason)

On September 14, 2015, Talen Montana, LLC (Talen) filed a *Motion for Protective Order* requesting confidential treatment of certain information to be filed in this Docket. Talen seeks to protect, "data regarding the forced outage rates for Colstrip" in response to data request PSC-010 made by the PSC to NorthWestern Energy. Talen describes the information specifically as, "the monthly forced outage rate for Colstrip Unit 4 from February 2014 to June 2014". See Order 7283e, Dkt. D2013.5.33 (Feb. 5, 2015).

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 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 ARM 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 Filings Received in Past Week

None