

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-10-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 19, 2015

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 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 October 12, 2015.

2. Kurtz Sanitation, Inc. TN2640 (Brenda)

On October 9, 2015, Kurtz Sanitation, Inc., Glendive, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC 9495 to Miles City Sanitation, Miles City, Montana for a one year period October 14, 2015 to October 14, 2016.
Probable Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 9495.

Class D - Refuse within the City of Glendive, Montana and a twenty-five (25) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. LIMITATION: (1) Operations between all points and places within five (5) air miles on both sides of Interstate 94, beginning at the Prairie County/Dawson County line and ending at Interchange 198 southwest of Glendive, Dawson County, Montana is prohibited. (2) Service is limited to roll-off or open top containers, only.

3. Thomas F. Kenneally TN2641 (Brenda)

The Estate of Thomas F. Kenneally, Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana for a one year period, October 12, 2015 to October 12, 2016.
Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 4448 as requested.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the town of Whitehall, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding eighty (80) miles in any direction from town. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

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

1. PSC Initiated – BTU Monitoring Contracts – Discuss and act on issuing the BTU monitoring contracts for the upcoming heating season. (10/20/15)

2. New Docket – NorthWestern Energy – To consider opening a docket for the following purposes: 1) Receiving information from NWE and others about the significant increase in valuation and resultant property taxes based on the 2015 Dept. of Revenue valuation; 2) Considering requirements for NWE to disclose information to its consumers about its tax liability; 3) Receiving NWE’s annual tax tracker filing pursuant to MCA 69-3-308. (10/20/15)

3. PSC Human Resource Requirements and Internal Organizational Structure – To discuss the need for bringing in assistance to help determine more effective procedures relating to human resources and personnel matters. (10/20/15)

Other Meetings

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

10/20/15 – 11:00 a.m. – Education Superhighway (Bollinger room) – audio feed only

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. Citizens Telecommunications N2015.10.76 Scott

On October 14, 2015, Citizen Communications filed advice letter No. MT-15-06. The purpose of this filing is to standardize the naming of Custom Calling Services and Customized Local Area Signaling Service (CLASS); remove billing codes; introduce 3 Way Calling-Pay per Use, Remote Activated Call Forward and grandfather Speed Call 8. This filing will not affect customers rates or charges, nor conflict with any tariff rules or regulations.

2. CenturyLink N2015.10.79 Scott

On October 14, 2015, CenturyLink filed Tariff Transmittal 15-02A. The purpose of this filing is to move Shared Trunk Port from under Local

Transport to End Office. This change is being made to mirror interstate rate categories and will not result in any rate or term changes.

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>

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities D2015.6.51 (Justin)

On October 12, 2015, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. (MDU) filed a *Motion for an Order Protecting Information Request in Data Request PSC-018*. MDU seeks to protect its analysis of confidential and proprietary pricing information, financial information, and technical information provided in response to a RFP by third-parties pursuant to confidentiality agreements it has signed. MDU also seeks to protect the terms of power purchase agreements and asset purchase agreements that it has entered into with third-parties pursuant to confidentiality agreements it has signed.

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

D2015.10.75 - CenturyTel of Montana Inc. – IN THE MATTER OF the Traffic Exchange Agreement by and between CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and Bandwith.com CLEC, LLC for the State of Montana

N2015.10.76 - Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana - IN THE MATTER OF Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana - Calling Features

N2015.10.78 – Southern Montana Telephone Company - Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates

N2015.10.79 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink - Tariff Transmittal 15-02A P.S.C. Mont AC-5