

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-10-27**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 26, 2015
Commission Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 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 19, 2015.

2. Triangle/Central Consolidation D2015.6.47 (Gary)

On June 2, 2015 Triangle Communications filed with the Commission a letter notifying the Commission that it intended on January 1, 2016 to bring the benefits of cooperative membership to all the customers of Central Montana Communications (CMC) by combining CMC with Triangle Telephone Cooperative. CMC is currently a regulated ILEC subject to the provision of MCA 69-3-901 through 910 (Rate Regulation of Small Telecommunications Providers). The Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Intervention Deadline on June 23, 2015. The only intervenor was the Montana Consumer Counsel. Staff issued limited data requests in this docket primarily directed to possible rate impacts on CMC customers. The rates for CMC residential customers will not change as the result of the consolidation. The rates for CMC business customers will decrease over time from the current CMC monthly rate of \$30.50 to the current triangle Cooperative rate of \$21.50 per month. Probable Motion: Move to approve the CMC/Triangle consolidation in Docket No. D2015.6.47.

3. Black Hills Power D2015.9.72 (Scott)

On September 10, 2015, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on September 23, 2015. Requests for hearing were due by October 19, 2015. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$290,362 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable Motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

4. 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. Probable Motion: Approve Citizen's Advice Letter No. MT-15-06 in docket N2015.10.76.

5. 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. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyLink filed Tariff Transmittal 15-02A in docket N2015.10.79.

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

1. PSC - Informational Meeting – Discuss Internal Organizational Structure. (10/27/15)
2. D2015.9.69 – Mountain Water – Discuss and act on whether to approve Mountain Water’s Application for Power Cost Tracking Adjustment. (10/27/15)

Other Meetings

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

10/26/15 – 9:00 a.m. – D2015.3.32 Havre Pipeline Company, LLC Hearing, MSU Northern, Hensler Auditorium, 300 13th Street West, Havre, MT

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. Yellowstone Pipeline N2015.10.80 (Joel)

On October 16, 2015, Yellowstone Pipeline requested from the Commission approval to change current language in Tariff 49.7 to correct a misprint in the

language related to the petroleum products moved through the pipeline. This change will not affect rates.

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. Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC D2015.8.64 (Laura)

On October 21, 2015, Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC filed a Motion for a Protective Order to protect from disclosure non-public information which would otherwise be required to be produced in response to data requests, which may include but is not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, models, diagrams, flow charts, data, computer programs, marketing plans, business plans, customer information, and other technical, financial or business information.

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

N2015.10.80 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company - IN THE MATTER OF THE Correction of Product Description Language for MPSC Tariff No. 49.7