

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REVISED
AGENDA NO. 15-11-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 16, 2015

Commission Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 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 November 3, 2015.

2. Yellow Cab & Limousine T-15.46.COC (Nickie)

On September 21, 2015, Billings Yellow Cab LLC dba Yellow Cab & Limousine, Billings Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on October 8, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

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

3. Arrow Shuttle LLC T-15.48.COC (Nickie)

With an application postmarked September 24, 2015, Arrow Shuttle LLC, Whitefish, Montana applied for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on October 8, 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 Flathead County, Montana.

4. Huckleberry Express Taxi T-15.49.COC (Nickie)

With an application postmarked September 24, 2015, David H. and Heidi L. Hammermeister dba Huckleberry Express Taxi, Stevensville, Montana, applied for a Certificate of Compliance. That application was noticed to the public on October 8, 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 Missoula and Ravalli Counties, Montana.

5. Tour de Foam LLC T-15.50.COC (Nickie)

With an application postmarked September 24, 2015, Tour de Foam LLC, Bozeman, Montana, applied for a Certificate of Compliance. That application

was noticed to the public on October 8, 2015 and no protests were received.
Probable Motion: Approve the grant of a Certificate of Compliance as applied for.

Class B – Passengers, in non-rate regulated service between all points and places in Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties.

6. Wettington Water, Inc. N2015.10.82 (Scott)

On October 19, 2015, Wettington Water, Inc., submitted its application to adopt rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. Wettington Water elected to use the Standard Rate Tariffs outlined in ARM 38.5.2528 and the Standard Ancillary Charges as established by the Commission. Probable Motion: Move to approve the application.

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

1. PSC Initiated – Annual Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Update – Discuss and receive direction on the annual update to pipeline safety rules. (11/17/15)
2. T-15.47.COC – Aneta Jones dba Hi-line Taxi – Discuss and decide whether to inquire into the application further on fitness grounds including the issuance of an Order to Show Cause. (11/17/15)
3. D2015.7.58 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss/act on NorthWestern Energy’s proposal to comply with Senate Bill 150. (11/17/15)
4. N2015.9.74 – PSC Investigation/Inquiry – Provide direction to staff concerning procedure. (11/17/15)

Other Meetings

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

11/18/15 – 9:00 a.m. – L & L Site Services, Inc. T-15-23 PCN – Hearing (C’mon Inn, 6139 E. Valley Center Road Gallatin Room, Bozeman, MT - no web audio feed

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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 D2015.10.78 (Mike)
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On October 15, 2015, Southern Montana Telephone Company (SMTTC) filed a Notice of Proposed Increase in Local Service Rates pursuant to 69-3-901 *et. seq* Montana Code Annotated. SMTTC has been incrementally increasing its local service rates since 2009 in order to bring it closer to its authorized rate of return. SMTTC states the proposed increase in rates in this filing would allow SMTTC a 4.7% intrastate regulated rate of return. SMTTC is proposing to increase its local residential service from \$18.75 per month to \$20.00 per month, and its local business service rate from \$20.00 per month to \$21.00 per month. The proposed increase will affect 755 residential subscribers and 224 business subscribers.

Any subscriber affected by the proposed rate increase or decrease may petition the Commission to review and determine the rates within 60 days, pursuant to MCA 69-3-906. Affected subscribers or interested parties may review the filing on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov>, at the office of the Commission, or at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel.

2. Cut Bank Gas (CBG) D2006.2.15 (Dagan)

On February 6, 2006, (CBG) filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval of increased rates for natural gas service to all customers within CBG's service area. The increase was granted in Order 6720c. The order directed CBG to file quarterly reports with the PSC on the company's position. At the time of the order in 2006 CBG had developed serious financial problems over the previous years. CBG had an apparent inability to present a basic rate case, which would satisfy the MCC and PSC staff. Since that time CBG has improved its operating procedures and appears to be able to provide safe and reliable service to customers. Staff believes the quarterly reports are no longer necessary or useful given CBG's improvements and recommends that CBG be relieved of the

requirement. Staff has spoken with the MCC and the MCC has no objection to the action.

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

D2015.11.86 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC