

**RE-REVISED  
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 16-6-16**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 13, 2016

Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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**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 June 6, 2016.

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

1. T-16.15.COC – MTAXI, LLC – Discuss and decide whether to accept Greater Valley Taxi's protest of the application. (6/16/16)
2. D2016.2.17 – Energy West Inc. – Discuss and decide whether to identify any additional issues or whether to extend the deadline for the Commission to identify additional issues. (6/16/16)
3. D2016.5.39 – NorthWestern Energy - Discuss and act on NorthWestern's motion for emergency suspension of the QF-1 Tariff for new solar facilities larger than 100 kW. (6/16/16)

### **Other Meetings**

**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 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. Marathon Oil Co. (D2016.5.40) (Joel)

On May 5, 2016 the Commission received a notice of stock purchase from Marathon (Marathon) Oil Co., Red Butte (Red Butte) Pipeline Co. and Merit (Merit) Energy Operations I, LLC. The notice stated that through a stock purchase agreement, Merit will acquire 100 percent of Marathon's equity interest in Red Butte. This transaction is set to close on June 30, 2016. Red Butte is a common carrier interstate pipeline with a small portion in Montana and no intrastate movements, therefore, no Montana customers should be affected.

2. Miller Oil (D2016.6.46) (Joel)

On June 1, 2016 the Commission received a notice from Miller Oil Co., dba "The City Line", informing the Commission that Gordon and Vicki Miller have

sold their interest in the corporation to Matthew and Kevin Miller. There will be no change in operations.

**Transportation Notice Items:** Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by **June 24, 2016**. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final order on the application without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

#### **Certificate of Compliance**

1. T-16.18.COC – Bear Paw Outfitters, LLC dba Bear Paw Outfitters Auto Tours

Class B - Passenger in non-rate regulated service between all points and places within the state of Montana.

**Transportation Tariff Filings:** The Commission has received the following tariff filings for either an increase or decrease by a regulated carrier. Pursuant to Mont. Code. Ann. §69-12-504, the proposed change will take effect within 45 days from when the completed application was received. The Commission on its own initiative or upon receiving a protest, within 20 days of receiving the tariff filing, may suspend the operation of such rate, fare, charge, or classification for a period not to exceed 180 days. Mont. Code. Ann. § 69-12-505 (2015).

1. Docket T-16.17.RD - Tom Kinghorn and Amanda Huf dba A and B Taxi Company

On May 20, 2016, Tom Kinghorn and Amanda Huf dba A and B Taxi Company, 227 E. Front St., Butte, Montana, filed a request for a rate decrease to its Passenger Tariff No. 1. The rate decrease applies to the transportation of persons between all points and places in Silver Bow County, Montana. The decreased rates are from 33 to 50 percent on items 50 and 90 and Zones 1, 2, and 3 of its passenger tariff. The decreases may become effective July 4, 2016, unless protests and/or requests for hearing are received.

Written protests must be mailed to the Montana Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601 **on or before June 24, 2016**. Copy of protest must also be mailed to Tom Kinghorn and Amanda Huf dba A and B Taxi Company, 227 E. Front St., Butte, Montana 59701.

2. Docket T-16.19.RI - Montana Tariff Bureau on behalf of Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Company

On June 6, 2016, Montana Tariff Bureau, Agent, (for and on behalf of Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Company, Kalispell, MT), filed a request for a rate increase to item 265b of its Montana intrastate household goods Tariff No. 1. The rate increase applies to the hourly charges which would increase between 14.96 to 15 percent. The increases may become effective July 21, 2016, unless protests and/or requests for hearing are received.

Written protests must be mailed to the Montana Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601 **on or before June 27, 2016**. Copy of protest must also be mailed to Montana Tariff Bureau, Northwest Transportation Consultants, 1020 Isabella Ave, The Villages, Florida 32159.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items:** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 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. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. N2016.4.37 (Mike)  
On June 6, 2016, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2016.4.37 – IN THE MATTER of the 2016 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers - FCC Annual Reporting Requirements. Frontier wishes to protect its five-year network build-out plan and the progress report associated with that plan.
2. CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink N2016.4.36 (Mike)  
On June 3, 2016, CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2016.4.36 – IN THE MATTER OF the FCC’s Ordered July 1, 2016 Transition of Intrastate Access Charges. CenturyTel wishes to protect certain information to be filed in conjunction with its July 1, 2015 FCC mandated transitional fourth step intrastate access tariff reduction. Specifically, CenturyTel seeks to protect its ICC model used to calculate its

new intrastate access tariff rates, and certain access demand data included in the model.

3. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC                      N2016.4.36                      (Mike)  
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**Protective Orders – Information Items:** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 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**

D2016.6.46 – Miller Oil Company - IN THE MATTER OF the Change of Ownership of Miller Oil Company  
N2016.6.47 - Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana - IN THE MATTER OF Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana - OneVoice Nationwide Promotional Offering  
N2016.6.48 – Qwest Corporation - IN THE MATTER OF Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC - Private Line Transport Services Tariff Revision  
D2016.6.49 – NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of 2016 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing - Schedule No. QFLT-1