

Service Date: January 18, 2018

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation into) REGULATORY DIVISION
Improving Transparency, Fostering)
Accountability, and Maintaining Quality Services) DOCKET NO. N2017.10.82
for High Cost Support and Lifeline Services in)
Montana.)

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION EXTENDING COMMENT DEADLINE
AND NOTICING PUBLIC HEARING**

1. On October 17, 2017, the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) voted to initiate an investigation into various issues to improve High Cost Support and Lifeline Services in Montana.
2. On November 8, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Investigation and Opportunity for Comments, which requested comments from interested parties on a varieties of issues to be submitted to the Commission by January 20, 2018. The Commission extends the deadline to submit comments from the above date to **January 31, 2018**. To provide comments interested parties should: (1) electronically submit their comments on the Commission’s website at <http://psc.mt.gov> (“Account Login/Registration” under “Electronic Documents” tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original comments to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601. The Commission will not post electronically filed comments to its website until it receives the physical copy.
3. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commission will conduct a public hearing for this docket on April 6, 2018, at 1:30 PM MST, in the Bollinger Room located at the Commission’s address listed above. The Commission’s jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69, Montana Code Annotated. The PSC may “upon its own motion, investigate any of the rates, tolls, charges, rules, practices, and services” of various telecommunication services in Montana. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-324; Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-801 et seq. The hearing is for the purposes of receiving technical evidence (testimony, public comment, or exhibits) and to facilitate discussion on issues raised by the investigation.

4. Anyone needing accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week prior to the hearing. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Zachary Rogala at 406-444-6187. Questions regarding the electronic filing process should be addressed to Shauna Simpson at 406-444-7618.

DONE AND DATED this 18th day of January, 2018, by delegation to Commission staff.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
BOB LAKE, Commissioner
TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner