

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

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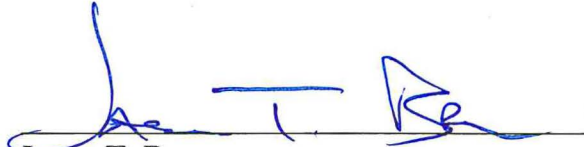
IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of the ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
Montana Consumer Counsel to Amend )  
ARM 38.5.2527 and 38.5.2528 ) DOCKET NO. N2017.9.76

**REQUEST FOR HEARING OR OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND IN WRITING  
OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

On September 25, 2017, the Montana Consumer Counsel (“MCC”) filed a *Petition for Rulemaking* (“Petition”) pursuant to § 2-4-315, MCA, asking the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to amend or repeal Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.2527 and 38.5.2528. On October 2, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Petition, and Opportunity for Comment and to Request a Hearing* (“Notice”), setting a deadline of October 23, 2017 for interested persons to submit comments or request a hearing. According to the Notice: “If interested persons or the MCC request a hearing, or the Commission determines a hearing is necessary, the Commission will hold a hearing on November 7, 2017.”

Without a hearing or opportunity to respond in writing, the MCC will not have an opportunity to respond to comments from interested persons. As a result, the MCC requests a hearing as contemplated in the Notice. In the alternative, MCC requests an opportunity to respond to comments in writing before the Commission acts on its Petition.

Respectfully submitted October 23, 2017.



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