

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-1-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 20, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: January 21, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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

- ✓ 1. USWC Docket N96.11.193 - Discuss USWC's proposed revisions to Combination Line Service (1/22/97)
- ✓ 2. PSC Local Competition/Arbitration Rulemaking Docket D96.2.16 - Discuss and act on draft Notice of Adoption of Rules (1/22/97)
- ✓ 3. Western Wireless/USWC arbitration Docket D96.9.150 - Discuss filing for approval of arbitrated agreement (1/22/97)
- ✓ 4. USWC Rate Restructure filing Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss whether the filing is deficient and, if so, whether minimum filing requirements should be waived per USWC's request; and other matters as necessary (1/22/97)
5. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (1/22/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N96.12.212 (Bonnie)

Sprint Communications has filed text changes to Foncard and Operator Services tariffs. Other revisions increase rates for Sprint Sense Operator Services Off-Peak usage and Foncard service.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.12.217 (Bonnie)

USWC has filed Tariff Transmittal 96.45 proposing restructuring of the Business Voice Messaging Service offering. The changes were proposed after experience with the product in market.

3. RONAN TELEPHONE - Docket N97.1.1 (Bonnie)

Ronan Telephone Co. filed a promotional rate reduction for residential second line service. The filing has been amended to become effective during the month of February.

4. SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE - Docket N97.1.2 (Bonnie)

Southern Montana Telephone has filed a tariff revision to implement a late payment penalty on delinquent accounts.

**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.

1. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.1.5 (Eric)

On January 13, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than 10,000,000 additional shares of its Common Stock under its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, as amended. This is an expansion of authority granted by the Commission in Docket No. 90.8.47, Default Order No. 5492. Based on the current rate of sales under the Plan, the Company anticipates that the new shares will be issued over a four-year period.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.3 (Vicki)

On January 8, 1997, U S WEST Communications filed a proposal for a new project area in O'Rea Creek area in the Livingston Exchange.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-1-27**

Docket N97.1.3 USWC (Vicki)  
Docket D97.1.5 PP&L (Eric)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.1.4 PP&L RAMPP-4 Update  
D97.1.5 PP&L Security Issue  
N97.1.6 USWC Intro of "Smart PAL"  
N97.1.7 PTI Revise Payphone Service  
N97.1.8 PSC Electric Restructuring/Legislation; Tracking Purposes