

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-2-10**

Date Prepared: February 6, 1997
For Work Week Commencing: February 10, 1997
Business Meeting Date & Time: February 10, 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. EAS Dockets D95.10.146 and D95.10.147 - Discuss draft final order (2/10/97)
2. Citizens and Montana Communications Docket D96.11.191 - Discuss/act on draft final order (2/10/97)
3. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss results of Monday's informal procedure and technical sessions, and as necessary get direction on proceeding with docket (2/10/97)
4. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss late intervention of Northwest Payphone Assoc. (2/10/97)
5. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (2/10/97)
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. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.11 (Nina)

On January 24, 1997, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-04, "Start Up Business Packages", introducing "Expansion Business Packages" which are designed to serve growth needs of customers who have had a business account with USWC for longer than 24 months. This filing compliments the filing of "Start Up Business Packages" which was approved and became effective Jan. 15, 1997. "Expansion Business Packages" was a notice item on Agenda No. 97-2-3. Staff recommends approval.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.13 (Nina)

On January 24, 1996, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-01 reflecting minor text changes, proposing to grandfather the following Premier Calling Plans: Advance Option I, MCI Sure Savings Option, Sure Save Sense, and Sure Save Reach. This was a notice item on Agenda No. 97-2-3. Staff recommends approval.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.10 (Vicki)

On January 24, 1997, US WEST Communications filed a promotional rate reduction for residential and business customers who subscribe to Caller ID or Caller Identification - Name and Number during the period of February 17 through March 28, 1997. The new customers would receive a waiver of the non-recurring charge of \$11.25.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.12 (Bonnie)

USWC has filed tariff changes to reduce monthly rates for Residential Message Voice Notification from \$3.50 to \$3.00. Minor text changes have also been filed which do not impact rates, terms or conditions.

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, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. WORLDCOM, INC. - Docket N97.1.14 (Nina)

On January 30, 1997, WorldCom, Inc., filed Montana Price List Tariff reflecting the cancellation of the trade name "LDDS WorldCom", pursuant to the Commission's Default Order No. 5946 in Docket No. 96.9.151 dated Oct. 2, 1996.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N97.2.18 (Nina)

On February 3, 1997, Central Montana Communications, Inc., filed a request for a boundary change in the White Sulphur Springs Telephone Exchange. The changes pertain to the addition of a number of Sections of land to the Western boundaries of the exchange. These additions are necessary to accommodate the lines needed by the Grassy Mountain Subdivision, which CMC already serves. The additional Sections were in previously "unclaimed territory."

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.17 (Kate)

On February 3, 1997, US West Communications filed a new tariff page that was inadvertently left out of the package when the company filed its approved cable, wire and termination policy in December 1996.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-2-18

Docket N97.1.14 WORLDCOM, INC. (Nina)
Docket N97.2.18 CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (Nina)
Docket N97.1.17 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.1.14 LDDS WorldCom - Cancellation of Trade Name
N97.1.15 USWC - DSS Promotion
N97.2.16 USWC - Introduce Centrex 21
N97.2.17 USWC - Clean-Up Tariff
N97.2.18 Central Montana Communications - Revise Boundary in White
Sulphur Springs Exchange
D97.2.19 Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - Agreement for Facilities-Based
Network Interconnection Between USWC and Mid-Rivers