

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-3-17**

Date Prepared: March 13, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: March 17, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on stipulations, procedures, and other matters as necessary (3/18/97)
2. MPC Docket D97.2.29 - Action on issuing Procedural Order and Notice of Application, Intervention Deadline, and Opportunity for Public Hearing (3/18/97)
3. GFG Docket D96.7.123 - Post-hearing work session (3/18/97)
4. AT&T/USMC Docket D96.11.200 - Continue post-hearing discussions, also discuss and act on final order (3/18/97)
5. PSC EAS Dockets D97.10.146 & D96.10.147 - Discuss and act on Petition for Reconsideration of Final Order, and other matters as necessary (3/18/97)
6. Payphone tariff filings Dockets N96.12.214, N97.1.6, N97.1.7 & N97.1.9 - Discuss and act on draft Notice of Commission Action in regard to payphone tariff filings and Notice of Inquiry on payphone issues (3/18/97)

7. USMC/PSC Settlement Agreement - Discuss and get approval of an amendment to Settlement Agreement relating to responding to service orders within three days (3/18/97)
8. Pipeline Safety Rules - Discuss correspondence from Administrative Code Committee regarding rule on two hour reporting requirement (3/18/97)
9. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (3/18/97)
10. 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. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.2.24 (Eric)

On February 18, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$100,000,000 of its subordinated debt. On February 25, 1997, PP&L filed an amendment to the application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$135,000,000 of its subordinated debt. The proceeds will be used for the acquisition of property, improvement of facilities, improvement of service, the discharge or refunding of obligations, or to reimburse the Company for funds expended from income or from other treasury funds that were not derived from the issuance of securities. A default order has been drafted.

2. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.2.27 (Bonnie)

On February 19, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed revised pages to the Montana Local Tariff which adds rates, terms and conditions for Distinctive Ringing and Call Screening Options.

3. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.2.30 (Bonnie)

On February 21, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed revised pages to the Montana Local Tariff, effective March 21, 1997. The filing 1) combines Cancel Call Waiting with Call Waiting as one feature; 2) Adds a new revised Custom Calling Premium Package (combining Call Forwarding, Call Waiting Plus, Third Party Add On and Speed Calling 8) which reduces residential rates and increases business rates; and 3) extends a promotional offering to waive the non-recurring charges associated with Custom Calling features for all customers from April 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.2.28 (Vicki)

On February 20, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-10, introducing a new package of Custom Calling features which will be marketed as the "Call Manager Connection" to business customers. The package will include the following custom calling features: Caller ID-Name and Number; Call Rejection; Call Forwarding-Variable; Continuous Redial; Priority Calls; and Three-Way Calling. The package features will sell for \$19.95 per month. Customers may add Call Waiting to the package at no additional cost.

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. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.3.38 (Nina)

On March 5, 1997, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-11, "Multi-Product Spring Promotion," introducing a promotional offering of several residential and business services as follows: 1) to waive the applicable non-recurring charge and the first month's recurring charge for Business Voice Messaging, Residential Voice Messaging, Installation of U S West Receptionist Service for both business and residential customers, Call Forwarding Products for business customers; and 2) to waive the non-recurring charge for business

customers who subscribe to Message Waiting Indication - Audible, Visual, or Audible /Visual. These promotions are available on orders placed and/or completed during the promotion period from April 1, 1997 through May 9, 1997. Proprietary financial justification has been filed.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.3.40 (Bonnie)

On March 5, 1997, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 97-13, introducing a usage pricing fee of \$.75/activation for Three Way Calling with a cap of \$6.00/line for any one month. Customers who activate the service during the first 30 days will not be charged.

3. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.3.41 (Bonnie)

On March 5, 1997, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 97-14 with revisions to Private Line Transport tariff. The filing eliminates the fee for a changed service date for switched or special access services (\$13.72). It adds a \$100 dispatch charge when a customer fails to notify the company that service cannot be accepted and a technician is dispatched to the customer's premise.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.3.39 (Vicki)

On March 5, 1997, US WEST Communications filed a promotional offering for the period of April 1 through April 30, 1997, called "Twelve for Ten". The customer is billed in advance for 10 months of service and receives 12 months. The promotion includes the following business services: Business Voice Messaging Service; Caller ID Name and Number and Number only; Call Waiting; Call Forwarding Busy Line Don't Answer (Expanded); Call Forwarding Busy Line Don't Answer (External); and Customized Call Management Services. If a customer pays for the ten months billing and disconnects their service prior to the tenth month, they will receive a refund for the unused portion of the billed charges.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

USWC/PTI Docket D96.2.15 - NSA waiving ARM 38.2.4806(1) was served on March 13, 1997.

On March 3, 1997, AT&T filed Advice 97-3, Introducing AT&T Long Distance Wireless Services. This filing was accepted as filed, with no Commission action required, becoming effective March 10, 1997.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-3-24

Docket N97.3.38 U S WEST (Nina)
Docket N97.3.39 U S WEST (Vicki)
Docket N97.3.40 U S WEST (Bonnie)
Docket N97.3.41 U S WEST (Bonnie)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.3.42 Clark Fork Telecommunications - Revise exchange boundaries for Drummond and Superior, and Internet and Off-Premise Extension pricing changes