

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-3-31**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 31, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: March 31, 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 and act on USWC's proposal on revisions to Combination Line Service (4/1/97)
2. Utility Competition in Appliance Marketing and Servicing - Discuss concern of Coalition Against Unfair Utility Competition, action as necessary (4/1/97)
3. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (4/1/97)
4. 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. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N97.3.42 (Bonnie)

On March 12, 1997, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed tariff revisions to expand the exchange boundaries for Drummond and Superior and to change the pricing structure of its Internet offering for public schools. Text changes were also made to the Off Premise Extensions offering.

2. ENERGY WEST - Docket D97.3.44 (Eric)

On March 14, 1997, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than 200,000 shares of stock related to its Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 200,000 shares of stock as part of its Incentive Stock Option Plan and 100,000 shares of stock associated with its Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. A default order has been drafted.

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1. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.3.47 (Kate)

On March 24, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed to introduce Rotary Line Service.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

USWC/PTI Docket D96.2.15 - NSA granting extension of time on Motion for Reconsideration was served March 26, 1997.

MPC Docket N97.3.46 RP Chem Amortization - On March 20, 1997, the Montana Power Company filed workpapers to change electric base rates. This change was due to the end of a PSC approved net decrease in rates for the RP Chem amortization and PSC tax under collection. The new rates will be effective as of April 1, 1997. The change results in a 2.4% uniform increase to base rates.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-4-7

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N97.3.46 MPC RP Chem Amortization
- N97.3.47 Citizens Rotary Line Service
- D97.3.48 Citizens Request for approval of an IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation
- N97.3.49 PSC Biennial Review-Line Moving Charges/Tracking
- D97.3.50 USWC Resale Agreement between KADCOM/USWC
- D97.3.51 USWC vs. Big Sky Network Technologies