

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-4-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 28, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: April 28, 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. USWC/Mid Rivers Docket D97.2.19 - Discuss approval of the USWC/Mid Rivers interconnection agreement (4/29/97)
2. Resale Dockets D97.2.31 and D97.2.32 - Discuss approval of USWC/AMCOM and USWC/Max-Tel resale agreements (4/29/97)
3. EAS Requests From Co-Op Customers - Discuss how to respond to EAS requests from customers in co-op service territories (4/29/97)
4. SB 89 Draft Notice of Informal Meeting - Obtain direction on draft notice and meeting (4/29/97)
5. Telecom Providers Registration: Initial tariffs required? - Decide whether or not to require initial tariffs of resellers when they register with PSC (4/29/97)
6. Continued discussion of electric and gas industry restructuring (4/29/97)
7. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

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

1. PACIFICORP - Docket N97.1.4 (Will)

At a work session on April 22, 1997, the Commission directed staff to draft a Notice of Commission Action in response to PacifiCorp's 1997 IRP Report and RAMPP-4 Update. A draft Notice has been prepared and distributed which states the PSC's intent to wait until the Company files its next IRP report to respond to any action plan changes.

2. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D97.4.57 (Eric)

On April 2, 1997, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 4, 1997. Requests for hearing were due by April 28, 1997. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$3,482 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

3. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.74 (Vicki)

On April 17, 1997, AT&T Communications filed Advice 97-6 to introduce AT&T CustomNet Simply Better Pricing Option and Special Access usage. Text changes affected were to add **intrastate** service to the **interstate** AT&T CustomNet Service. The changes become effective on April 28, 1997.

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. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N97.4.75 (Nina)

On April 18, 1997, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-05, proposing the following: (1) To introduce a promotional offering entitled Vnet Short Haul Promotion to Vnet customers that enroll in the program and use dedicated access-switched termination to access the MCI network. MCI will offer the new rate of 0.0204 on Intralata traffic originating and terminating within the 0-15 mileage band, (in lieu of rates specified in Section C-1.091). The Short Haul Intralata rates are available throughout the remainder of the customer's current Vnet contract. The promotional period begins May 5, 1997 and ends July 14, 1997. (2) Text changes have also been filed: the per minute rates for Prime Time Option and MCI Sure Saving Option; and the fees of Option K (Commercial Dial 1 Service), are being deferred to MCI's FCC Tariff No. 1.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.73 (Kate)

On April 16, 1997, US West Communications filed to withdraw Customized Intercept Service and to clarify the terms and conditions for Basic, New and Split Referral Intercept services.

3. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.3.52 (Kate)

On April 21, 1997, Central Montana Communications filed to add a new category for commercial accounts to its detariffed internet services.

4. US WEST - Docket N97.4.71 (Bonnie)

On April 16, 1997, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 97-AC01, to eliminate the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access Services and to introduce a Dispatch Charge for Switched Access Services.

5. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.72 (Vicki)

On April 17, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-15 to introduce the "Phone Improvement" multi-product promotion for residential and business customers. The promotion period is from May 12, 1997 through June 20, 1997. Residential customers will be offered Custom Calling Services and CLASS Features, US WEST Custom Ringing, Voice Messaging Service and the Real Deal Package. The non-recurring charge for these features will be waived during the promotion period. Business customers offerings will include Additional Lines, StandBy Line, Custom Calling Services, CLASS Features, Customized Call Management Services, Hunting, US WEST Custom Ringing, and Business Voice Messaging Service. Waivers are as follows: \$25.00 reduction in the nonrecurring charge for the purchase of one additional exchange access line per customer location. Also included is the second line for customers ordering new service. The regrade charge when upgrading to a Flat Rate Business line will be waived. The nonrecurring charge for features will be waived.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-5-5

Docket N97.4.75 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. (Nina)
Docket N97.4.73 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
Docket N97.3.52 CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
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Docket N97.4.72 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.4.75 MCI Changes to Prime Time Option and MCI Sure Savings Option, Option C and Option W, Option K, Introduce Vnet Short Haul Promotion