

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-5-5**

Date Prepared: April 24, 1997  
For Work Week Commencing: May 5, 1997  
Business Meeting Date & Time: May 5, 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 1-800-4US-WEST Docket N96.12.218 - Discuss and act on tariff filing (5/6/97)
2. Slamming Rules \_ Discuss proposed slamming rules (5/6/97)
3. MDU gas cases - Information, discussion, direction or action on several pending MDU gas cases (5/6/97)
4. Continued discussion of electric and gas industry restructuring (5/6/97)
5. Weekly **AND** Monthly Scheduling Meetings - 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. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N97.4.75 (Nina)

On April 18, 1997, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-05 - Supplement, proposing: (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) The following 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 - 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. The new tariff pages for the Special Access Tariff were not filed with the previously approved Tariff Transmittal 97-14 (3/24/97), Private Line Transport Tariff revisions.

3. US WEST - 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.

4. 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. Staff recommends approval.

5. US WEST - 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.

**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. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N97.4.78 (Nina)

On April 25, 1997, Sprint Communications Co. Filed minor text changes to add LEC card agreement text to the current Foncard Service.

2. CITIZENS TELECOM - Dockets N97.4.66 and N97.4.67 (Kate)

On April 29, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed tariff pages to replace the ones filed April 15 in which the company proposed to change the name under which it does business in Montana. "Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana" will be changed to "Citizens Communications Company of Montana." Two filings were made -- one to change the name in the local exchange tariff and the other to change it in the access tariff. Citizens requests the name change become effective on May 14, 1997.

3. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.76 (Kate)

On April 24, 1997, PTI Communications filed to introduce Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) in its service area.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-5-12**

Docket N97.4.66    CITIZENS TELECOM (Kate)  
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Docket N97.4.76    PTI (Kate)  
Docket N97.4.78    SPRINT (Nina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.4.76    PTI - Intro Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)  
D97.4.77    Sprint/USWC - Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement  
N97.4.78    Sprint - Textual changes to LEC card agreement  
N97.4.79    PSC - Commission Implementation of SB 89  
D97.4.80    Cenex - Revisions to PSC No. 7 for Crude Oil Gathering Pipelines