

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-5-12**

Date Prepared: May 8, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: May 12, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: May 12, 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. State's role in transmission reliability - Informal meeting with MPC, other interested parties to discuss possible state role in maintaining/enhancing transmission reliability on the western interconnected transmission system (5/12/97)
2. NARUC action request re: DeFazio slamming prevention bill - Decide whether to send letter in support of bill to congressmen (5/15/97)
3. USWC/PSC Service Quality Settlement - Discuss USWC's failure to meet 1st Qtr 1997 installation objective and proposal for new installation objectives (5/15/97)
4. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on matters as necessary, possible procedural motions, stipulations, information to PSC, direction from PSC (5/15/97)
5. MDU Docket D97.3.43 - Discuss and act on procedure to be followed, formal or informal, other matters as necessary, information to PSC, direction from PSC (5/15/97)

6. Legislative changes to administrative procedures, lobbying, and related matters - Discuss final status of legislation pertaining to administrative procedure, lobbying, and related matters, effective dates, and effect on PSC (5/15/97)
7. FCC matters - Provide status and update on recent FCC actions regarding Universal Services, Access Reform, etc. (5/15/97)
8. Continued discussion of electric and gas industry restructuring (5/15/97)
9. 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. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N97.4.78 (Nina)

On April 25, 1997, Sprint Communications Co. Filed minor text changes purposing 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.

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 N97.4.82 (Nina)

On May 5, 1997, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-18, "Correction-Index Page Release Number". This filing corrects Section 5, Index pages Release Numbers, due to the timing of approvals on filing packages.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

MPC Docket D96.2.22 - NSA amending schedule was served May 8, 1997

MDU Docket D96.10.167 - NSA granting intervention was served May 8, 1997

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-5-19

Docket N97.4.82 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Nina)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.5.81 Montana Tel-Net - Notice of Intent to Provide Local Service

N97.5.82 USWC - Correction-Index Page - Release Number