

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-5-27**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 26, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: May 27, 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. PSC/USWC Settlement Agreement Docket N-93-14 - Discuss letter on seven day rule (5/28/97)
2. USWC/PTI Docket D96.2.15 - Discuss AT&T/MCI motion for reconsideration and staff recommendation (5/28/97)
3. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on gas team proposal for developing SB396 (gas utility restructuring) rules, other matters as necessary (5/28/97)
4. Hiring an intern - To consider whether there is any interest in hiring a summer legal intern to work on various tasks (5/28/97)
5. USWC/KADCOM Docket D97.3.50 - Discuss approval of interconnection agreement (5/28/97)
6. Sprint Docket D97.4.97 - Close docket pursuant to stipulation (5/28/97)
7. PSC/USWC Compliance of Section 271 Docket D97.5.87 - Discuss and vote on draft notice/order opening docket (5/28/97)

8. Follow-up discussion of roundtable on SB89 (5/28/97)
9. Continued discussion of electric and gas industry restructuring (5/28/97)
10. 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. MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. - DOCKET N97.5.83 (Vicki)

On May 9, 1997, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. filed tariff revisions to reflect changes in the business practices of MDU's interconnecting pipeline Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The revisions include: changing the definition of "Gas Day" from a 24 hour consecutive hour period beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the applicable time zone to 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time; revising the time required for customers to provide the Company's gas nomination center with its estimated gas requirements from 9:00 a.m. Central Time to 11:30 a.m. Central Clock Time; and to allow customers to make standing nominations that cover periods longer than 1 day.

2. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - N97.4.76 (Kate)

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

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. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.5.85 (Kate)

On May 16, 1997, US West Communications filed to increase the local measured usage rate for Basic Public Access Line service from 1 cent/minute to 4 cents/minute. According to US West, the proposed increase will ensure that the service meets the Federal Communications Commission's "new services" price test as required by the FCC's payphone orders.

2. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N97.5.86 (Kate)

On May 20, 1997, Ronan Telephone Company filed new and revised payphone service tariffs to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's payphone orders. The company also proposes in this filing to withdraw Joint User Service and Interexchange Receiving Service.

3. WORLDCOM, INC. - Docket N97.5.84 (Vicki)

On May 14, 1997, WorldCom, Inc. filed tariff revisions to include a new service called Intelenet, which is a full service voice product for single or multi-location customers, and to modify WorldCom's backbilling language, changing the time limit for backbilling from 3 months to 180 days.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

MPC Docket D97.2.29 - NSA amending procedural schedule was served May 20, 1997

USWC Docket D96.7.121 - NSA establishing new procedural schedule was served May 21, 1997

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-6-2

Docket N97.5.84 WORLDCOM, INC. (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N97.5.85 USWC - Increase Measured Usage Rate for Basic PAL
- N97.5.86 Ronan Telephone - Classification of Service for Public Telephone Service, Semi-Public Telephone Service and Local Public Access Line Service
- D97.5.87 PSC - Investigation into USWC's Compliance with Section 271