

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-8-18**

Date Prepared: August 14, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: August 18, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: August 18, 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. DNRC vs MPC Docket D97.8.143 - Get direction to notice the complaint and to discuss as necessary (8/19/97)
2. PTI/Digitrex Plus Docket N97.4.58 - Act on tariff filing (8/19/97)
3. Project EAS Docket D97.2.23 - Discuss Project EAS, petition by consumers, results of informal study, possibility of commencing formal proceedings (8/19/97)
4. GFG Docket D97.7.119 - Discuss and act on GFG request for protective order (8/19/97)
5. MPC Docket D96.2.22/SB396 - Discuss matters as necessary, action as necessary, if necessary (8/19/97)
6. Energy Utility Service Standards Docket L-97.6.4-RUL - Discuss draft rules, direction and action as necessary (8/19/97)

7. Orr vs. PP&L Docket D97.8.141 - Discuss letter from Orr re: PP&L and one-call response, possible treatment as a complaint (8/19/97)
8. 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 POWER COMPANY - Docket D97.7.90 (Denise)

Petitions for late intervention have been received by Continental Hydro Corporation and Cenex, Inc.

2. PP&L - Docket D97.7.91 (Denise)

A petition for late intervention has been received by Continental Hydro Corporation.

3. WOOD BAY WATER COMPANY - Docket D97.7.148 (Denise)

On July 17, 1997 customers of Woods Bay Water Company wrote the Commission with complaints about water problems, including low or no pressure, at times no water, and water that is often not drinkable, requiring customers to use bottled water. Staff recommends issuing a Notice of Complaint, with 20 days to answer or file a Notice of Satisfaction.

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. Citizens Communications - Docket N97.8.149 (Bonnie)

On August 12, 1997, Citizens Communications filed revised tariff pages to the Montana Access Service Tariff, pursuant to Order 5988, Docket D97.3.48. The filing introduces the terms, conditions, and rates of the presubscription for intraLATA and interLATA equal access 1+ dialing.

2. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.8.150 (Kate)

On August 13, 1997, PTI proposed to extend through September 30, 1997, a residential second-line promotion waiving the non-recurring charge that was originally approved through August 22.

3. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N97.8.146 (Vicki)

On August 8, 1997, Sprint filed changes to its price list. The changes include: 1. Change the Time-of-Day sensitive rates per minute for their Foncard to non-sensitive Time-of-Day rates, resulting in a rate increase. 2. Revise the Per Call surcharge for Foncard Option B. 3. Decrease the rate per minute for the Stand-Alone Foncard. 4. Add a Per Call surcharge to the Stand-Alone Foncard. 5. Decrease the Per Call Payphone Service Charge.

4. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION - Docket N97.8.144 (Vicki)

On August 7, 1997, MCI filed tariff pages to change the deferral to MCI's FCC tariff for Advanced Option 1 to a state specific rate.

5. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. - Docket D97.8.138 (Eric)

On August 4, 1997, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue up to \$40,000,000 of short-term debt, at any one time, in the form of promissory notes pursuant to a revolving credit agreement. The term of the new revolving credit agreement will be five years. The proceeds will be used to partially finance general corporate needs.

6. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. - Docket D97.8.139 (Eric)

On August 4, 1997, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue not to exceed \$45,000,000 of (1) one or more series of its first mortgage bonds, (2) secured medium term notes, and/or (3) senior notes secured by MDU's first mortgage bonds. The proceeds will be used to partially finance general corporate needs.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-8-25

Docket N97.8.149 Citizens Communications (Bonnie)
Docket N97.8.150 PTI COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
Docket N97.8.146 SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (Vicki)
Docket N97.8.144 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (Vicki)
Docket D97.8.138 MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. (Eric)
Docket D97.8.139 MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. (Eric)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D97.8.143 MPC, Complaint by DNRC re: Light Load Curtailment of QF Contracts
N97.8.144 MCI - Revise Advanced Option 1 and Text Changes
N97.8.145 WorldCom, Inc. - Notice of Intent to Provide Local Exchange Service
N97.8.146 Sprint Communications - Revise FONCARD Services and Miscellaneous Text Changes
N97.8.147 Big Flat Electric Coop - Notice of Exemption Pursuant to SB 390
D97.7.148 Woods Bay Water System, Complaint by Cantrell, et al.
N97.8.149 Citizens Communications - Equal Access Presubscription
N97.8.150 Pacific Telecom, Inc. - Extend Non-recurring Charge Waiver for Add'l Residential Line Promo