

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-11-3**

Date Prepared: October 30, 1997
For Work Week Commencing: November 3, 1997
Business Meeting Date & Time: November 3, 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>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. 1+ IntraLATA dialing parity Docket L-97.9.7-RUL - Discuss Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (to be distributed) (11/3/97)
2. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss/Act on MCC's Motion to Compel (11/4/97)
3. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss nonresponsive answers by MPC to staff discovery (11/4/97)
4. Lone Mountain Docket D97.8.140 - Post-briefing discussion and action, direction on final order (11/4/97)
5. SB396 Rules Docket L-97.1-RUL - Discussion and action on SB396 rulemaking, including possible USBP rules (11/4/97)
6. Electric Restructuring Rulemaking Docket L-97.8.6-RUL - Discuss draft rules/direction to issue for comments (11/4/97)
7. Possible repeal of rule affecting private water utilities - Discuss whether the Commission wants to repeal a part of ARM 38.5.2503(5) as a result of the repeal of section 69-4-511, MCA (11/4/97)

8. Weekly **AND** 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. SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION - Docket D97.10.204 (Scott)

On October 3, 1997, Shelby Gas Association filed an application to increase rates for Natural gas service by \$62,403. This is an increase from their present revenue requirement of \$780,034 to \$842,437 which is \$61,839 below their approved revenue requirement of \$904,276. A interim order has been drafted and distributed. Staff recommends approval.

2. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.10.195 (Eric)

On October 20, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to borrow from its subsidiaries and issue promissory notes to its subsidiaries without limitation provided that such borrowings bear interest at rates which do not exceed the interest rates which the Company would otherwise incur externally. In Docket No. 83.2.8 the Commission authorized borrowing from subsidiaries limited to \$200,000,000. PP&L believes that there may be occasions where the current limitation of \$200,000,000 will adversely affect PP&L's short-term borrowing costs. A default order has been drafted.

3. CITIZENS TELE. CO. - Dockets D97.9.164 & D97.9.165 (Vicki)

On October 15, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages implementing the change in the Public Service Commission fee from .18% to .22% and adding the Montana Consumer Counsel fee of .07%, effective October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.10.190 (Bonnie)

On October 15, 1997, US WEST filed tariff pages revising some non-recurring charges and proposing some structure changes to the Private Line Transport services. The filing increases Rollover non-recurring charges for Voice Grade Private line and Digital Data Service; introduces a service guarantee provisioning; revises contract terms and conditions; and adds clarifying language to credit allowance for service interruption.

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.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

MPC Docket D97.7.90 - A Notice of Staff Action Amending Procedural Schedule was served on October 27, 1997.

CELP, YELP & DNRC v. MPC Docket s D97.7.127, D97.7.129 & D97.8.143 - A Notice of Staff Action waiving ARM 38.2.4806(1) and 38.2.4806(5) and (6) was served October 29, 1997.

PSC Universal Service Cost Model Docket D97.9.167 - A Notice of Commission Action granting general and late intervention to requesting parties was served October 29, 1997.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-11-17

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N97.10.200 Crystal Communications - Notice of Intent to Provide Local Exchange Service
- D97.10.201 USWC - Application to Approve Resale Agreement between USWC and PCR Phone Credit Services
- N97.10.202 Tongue River Electric Coop - Notice of Exemption
- N97.10.203 Granrud Water Company - Notice of Abandonment of Service
- D97.10.204 Shelby Gas Associations - Rate Increase
- N97.10.205 PSC - Meeting on Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Program
- D97.10.206 PSC - USWC Gardiner/West Yellowstone Region EAS