

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-12-1**

Date Prepared: November 26, 1997
For Work Week Commencing: December 1, 1997
Business Meeting Date & Time: December 1, 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. MPC/DNRC, YELP, CELP Complaints Dockets D97.8.143, D97.7.129, and D97.7.127 - Discuss and get direction to draft an Order on Reconsideration and in response to Petitions for Declaratory Ruling (12/2/97)
2. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on Motion for Reconsideration, draft order, and other matters as necessary (12/2/97)
3. Pipeline Safety and NESC Docket L-97.8.5-RUL -Prehearing discussion of rulemaking, as necessary (12/2/97)
4. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Docket D96.2.18 - Discuss requests for waivers and permanent designation of ETCs (12/2/97)
5. Montana Tel-Net/USWC Docket D97.7.135 - Discuss draft order on reconsideration (12/2/97)
6. ISDN Docket D96.7.121 - Discuss draft order (12/2/97)
7. FCC NPRM on Separations Reform - Discuss filing comments in response to the FCC's NPRM on Separations Reform (12/2/97)

8. Weekly **AND** Monthly 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. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.11.215 (Kate)

On November 12, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications filed proposed tariff changes to introduce Lifeline service for low-income customers in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's universal service order.

2. SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N97.11.217 (Kate)

On November 12, 1997, Southern Montana Telephone filed tariff changes to bring its Lifeline service into compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's universal service order.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.11.216 (Bonnie)

On November 12, 1997, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 97-38, reducing rates for residence features of Remote Access Forwarding and Scheduled Forwarding.

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. PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. - Docket N97.11.222 (Kate)

On November 19, 1997, PTI Communications filed tariff changes to bring its Lifeline and Linkup offerings into compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's universal service order.

2. PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. - Docket N97.11.220 (Bonnie)

On November 17, 1997, Pacific Telecom, Inc. (PTI) filed Tariff Advice 97-8, re-introducing a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when residential customers subscribe to additional residential lines. PTI proposes to offer the promotion for the period 12/1/97 through 1/31/98.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-12-8

Docket N97.11.220 PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. (Bonnie)
Docket N97.11.222 PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. (Kate)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D97.11.224 Cut Bank Gas Co. - Pass-Thru Gas Tracker