

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-2-2**

Date Prepared: January 29, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: February 2, 1998
Business Meeting Date & Time: February 2, 1998, 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 Docket D98.1.12 - Discuss and act on MPC's motion for a 2 week extension of time to file (2/3/98)
2. Havre Pipeline Docket D97.7.134 - Action on Final Order (2/3/98)
3. Southern Telephone Docket D97.11.225 - Discuss and act on SMTA's Expedited Application for Interim Rate, as necessary (2/3/98)
4. Weekly **AND** Monthly 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. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.235 (Kate)

On December 12, 1997, US West Communications filed to revise its Combination Access Service Arrangement 1 tariff. A memo has been distributed.

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. PROJECT TELEPHONE - Docket N98.1.5 (Kate)

On January 21, 1998, Project Telephone filed to make name changes to its custom calling and custom local area signaling (CLASS) services.

2. VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.1.6 (Kate)

On January 21, 1998, Valley Telecommunications filed to make name changes to its custom calling and custom local area signaling (CLASS) services.

3. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N98.1.13 (Vicki)

On January 24, 1998, Sprint filed tariff pages to separate Sprint residential and business usage rate tables; rename Business Sprint Service to Business MTS; and increase and decrease Business MTS usage rates.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.1.9 (Vicki)

On January 24, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce the CustomChoice Package. The package will include a flat rated access line (!FR) and the customer's choice of one or more of various features, with the ability to add Voice Messaging to the package. The package will be advertised at a monthly rate of \$29 and if the customer adds Voice Messaging the monthly rate is \$34.90.

5. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.1.10 (Bonnie)

On January 23, 1998, US West filed Transmittal 98-2, Promotion for Digital Switched Services, Primary Rate Service, and Uniform Access Solution. During the period from 2/23/98 through 5/22/98, business customers who subscribe to a 36 month or longer Rate Stabilized Agreement for Digital Switched Service, Primary Rate ISDN Service and Uniform Access Solution will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charges. The waiver is available on services ordered during the

promotional period and installed by 8/22/98, where technically feasible and where facilities are available.

6. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.1.11 (Bonnie)

On January 23, 1998, US West filed Transmittal 98-3, Phone Improvement Promotion. The promotion will be available from February 23, 1998 through April 3, 1998 to new and existing residence and business customers who subscribe to any of the eligible services during the promotional period. The offering includes waiver of non-recurring charges and for some services waiver of one month of recurring services and for toll services a bill credit.

Consumer offer: Flat Exchange Lines, Custom Calling Services, CLASS features, US WEST Custom Ringing, The Real Deal Package, 800 ServiceLine, and Optional US WEST Intralata Calling Plans.

Business Offer: Flat Business Exchange Access Lines, Centrex 21 lines, Custom Calling Services, Custom Calling Packages, The Call Manager Connection, Customized Call Management Services, US WEST Custom Ringing, Hunting, Optional US WEST intralata Calling Plans, 800 ServiceLine and Start-up and Upgrade Business Packages.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-2-9

Docket N98.1.5	PROJECT TELEPHONE (Kate)
Docket N98.1.6	VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
Docket N98.1.9	US WEST (Vicki)
Docket N98.1.10	US WEST (Bonnie)
Docket N98.1.11	US WEST (Bonnie)
Docket N98.1.13	SPRINT (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

Docket D98.1.7	CRJ Communications/USWC - Interconnection Agreement
Docket D98.1.8	Montana Tel-Net - Application for ETC designation

- Docket N98.1.9 USWC - Intro to CustomChoice Package
- Docket N98.1.10 USWC - Digital Switched Services, Primary Rate Service, and Uniform Access Solution Promo
- Docket N98.1.11 USWC - Phone Improvement Promo
- Docket D98.1.12 MPC - Natural Gas Pilot Program
- Docket N98.1.13 SPRINT - Separate Sprint Service Residential & Business usage rate tables, and miscellaneous text and rate changes
- Docket D98.1.14 MDU - Shell Oil; Contract Service Rate 35