

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-4-13**

Date Prepared: April 9, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: April 13, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: April 13, 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. Proxy Cost Docket D97.9.167 - Continued w/s from Wednesday 4/8/98, continued Tuesday 4/14/98 and day to day as necessary (4/13/98)
2. AT&T/USWC Arbitration Docket D96.11.200 - Discuss draft order and issues not yet addressed (4/14/98)
3. USWC Win-Back Docket D97.12.243 - Act on tariff application (4/14/98)
4. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss MPC's Request for Clarification of PSC's Notice of Hearing (4/14/98)
5. West Yellowstone Gas Docket 95.4.15 - Action on Final Order (4/14/98)
6. SB 396 Rules (Gas) Docket L-97.1-RUL - Discussion, action or direction on gas restructuring rules (4/14/98)
7. 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. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N98.3.73 (Nina)

On March 30, 1998, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-08, proposing the following: (1) to add a footnote to the Person-to-Person surcharge for 1-800-COLLECT calls; and (2) extend the Intralata PBX Reprogramming Promotion and the 1+Local Toll Promotion ending date, from March 31, 1998 to June 30, 1998. Staff recommends approval.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.41 (Kate)

On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed to revise its exchange tariff to remove public, semipublic and coinless pay telephone service, and to modify tariff language to accurately reflect the deregulation of payphone services in response to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and subsequent FCC payphone orders, including deregulation of the coin rate at company payphones. A staff memo has been distributed.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.63 (Bonnie)

On March 18, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-12, Introduction of Super Savings calling Plan for residential and business customers. The plan provides an alternative to customers who are using dial around to send intraLATA traffic to their Interexchange Long distance Carrier.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.64 (Bonnie)

On March 18, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-13, Revisions to Start-Up and Upgrade Business packages, revising these program features.

5. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.70 (Bonnie)

On March 25, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-14, Introduction of Optional Features for Centrex 21 Service. Several optional features will be offered at discount prices when purchased with Centrex 21 service.

**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 COMPANY - Docket N98.1.5 (Kate)

On April 3, 1998, Project Telephone Co. submitted a revised tariff filing to propose changes to its existing custom calling and CLASS features, including name changes, service packages and reductions in minimum prices of eight detariffed custom calling features. This revised filing replaces the company's filing of January 21, 1998.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.75 (Bonnie)

April 1, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-PLT03 revising cancellation charge assessment for private line transport services. the filing redefines critical dates and changes percentages assessed for cancellation charges applicable to Private Line transport orders.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.76 (Bonnie)

April 1, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-AC03 revising cancellation charge assessment for switched access services. The filing redefines critical dates and changes percentages assessed for cancellation charges applicable to Switched Access orders.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

MCI/WorldCom Docket D97.10.191 - NSA amending procedural schedule was served April 7, 1998

Cascade Gas Docket D97.12.228 - NSA granting intervention to requesting parties was served April 8, 1998

PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 - NSA amending procedural schedule was served April 8, 1998

MPC Docket D98.2.28 - NSA granting intervention to requesting parties was served April 8, 1998

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-4-20**

N98.3.75 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)  
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**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N98.4.77 Sprint - Re-name Sprint Sense College Plan; Revise Sprint Sense Home Office and miscellaneous text changes  
D98.4.78 BHP&L - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider  
N98.4.79 PTI - Name change; Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. - Access Services  
N98.4.80 PTI - Name change; Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. - Network & Exchange Services