

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-7-20**

Date Prepared: July 16, 1998  
For Work Week Commencing: July 20, 1998  
Business Meeting: July 20, 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. Docket D98.5.105/106/114/115 – Electric Territorial Integrity Act Exclusive Service Agreements – Discuss and act on draft final order (7/21/98)
2. MPC Docket D98.2.28 – MPC gas pilot program – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on settlement (7/21/98)
3. Permanent licensing of natural gas suppliers – Discuss and act on any matters necessary, possibly including motions for protective orders (7/21/98)
4. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC's 271 filing – Discussion and action as necessary (7/21/98)

5. USWC Docket D96.12.220 – USWC's Rate Rebalancing Docket – Discuss the comments received (7/21/98)
6. MCI Docket D97.10.191 – MCI/WorldCom Merger – Discuss matters as necessary; possibly consider draft order. Placeholder (7/21/98)
7. N98.6.138 – Year 2000 – Discuss Commission involvement in Year 2000 (7/21/98)
8. Utility competition with private contractors and merchandizers – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on letter from Montana Coalition Against Unfair Utility Competition (7/21/98)
9. Pacificorp Docket D97.7.91 – Motions for reconsideration, rehearing, suspension of procedural schedule, request to cancel hearing date of August 25, 1998 – Action on Motions for Reconsideration/Rehearing from Plum Creek Timber and DEQ., Motion to suspend procedural schedule and reschedule hearing (7/23/98)

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 NO. D98.7.150 (Eric)

On July 2, 1998, MPC filed an application seeking authority to issue not to exceed 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock for use in its Long-Term Incentive Plan for Compensating Employees. A Default Order has been Drafted.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (N98.6.129) (Bonnie)

On June 15, 1998, US WEST notified the Commission of their intent to offer Call Reports as a deregulated product in Montana pursuant to ARM 38.5.2705. Call Reports is a service that provides report summaries and analysis of incoming call data collected via USWC's Call Data Collection and Transmission (CDCT), a regulated service. Notice has been given and the Commission has received no request for hearing.

**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, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.7.160 (Nina)

On July 1, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-AC04, "Modification of Carrier Identification Code (CIC) format", adding text changes to the Access Service Tariff. This filing is made to remove the availability of three digit CIC's and the associated dialing pattern (10XXX) from the intrastate access tariffs. Effective July 1, 1998, four digit CIC's and a 101XXXX dialing pattern are required. Both three digit and four digit CIC's and both dialing patterns were permitted during the transition period; this transition is currently reflected in the access tariffs. The FCC ruled that the transition to the new four digit CIC format be completed by June 30, 1998, which has been completed.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket No. N98.7.158 (Jay)

On July 10, 1998 US West filed Tariff Transmittal 98-31 to add CustomChoice to competitive Zone Pricing. The offering introduces CustomChoice for residential customers in its Terry and Glendive exchanges. The package provides a competitive alternative for residential customers in these exchanges and will allow US West to compete with the facility based provider in those exchanges. CustomChoice includes a residential access line and feature package chosen by the individual customer to meet their needs. A discounted price is offered to the customer if the package is purchased for one year.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-7-27**

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.7.160(Nina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N98.7.152 – Commercial Energy of Montana – Gas supplier license  
D98.7.153 – USWC – USWC and US Telecommunication resale agreement  
N98.7.154 – TransCanada Power – Gas supplier license  
N98.7.155 – DukeSolutions Inc. – Gas supplier license  
N98.7.156 – Prairielands Energy – Gas supplier license  
N98.7.157 – Energy West Resources – Gas supplier license  
N98.7.158 – USWC – Tariff to add custom choice to competitive zone pricing  
N98.7.159 – USWC – Tariff “800 service line price reduction  
N98.7.160 – USWC – Tariff Modification of CIC format