

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-6-21**

Date Prepared: June 17, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: June 21, 1999  
Business Meeting: June 21, 1999, 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, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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

1. N99.6.149 – Flathead Electric Coop request for Opinion Ruling on Community Safety Program – Discuss request (6/22/99)
2. Information Label for Gas/Electricity Suppliers – Discuss and act on proposed information label (6/22/99)
3. Docket L99.6.6.- RUL – Rules for Protection of Confidential Information – Preliminary discussion and direction on draft rules (6/22/99)
4. Yellowstone River Ranch Filing – Discuss complaint from Gary Edwards and proposed completion date (6/22/99)
5. D99.4.107 – AT&T – Discuss and act on AT&T's intraLATA equal access plan (6/22/99)
6. N99.5.116 – Hot Springs Telephone – Detariffed Services – Waiver Request and Interim Order (6/22/99)

7. D99.3.77, D99.3.78, and D99.3.80 – Topp Comm., NeTel, and Compass Telecommunications and USWC Resale/Interconnection Agreements (6/22/99)
8. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless – Discussion, direction, action on Western Wireless's response to NCA on discovery, other matters as necessary (6/22/99)
9. D97.7.116 – PSC v. USWC on Measured Service information - Discussion, direction, action as necessary on USWC's response to PSC letter (6/22/99)
10. D99.2.26 – Small Companies v. USWC (re: Access Charges) - Discussion, action on motion to dismiss, other matters as necessary (6/22/99)
11. D99.3.52 – Ronan Telephone and Hot Springs Telephone v. USWC – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on all matters (6/22/99)
12. The Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance – Open discussion for picking PSC outstanding employee and/or team (6/22/99)
13. Staff Security – Discuss and act on security plan for staff meeting in person with public (6/22/99)

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. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N99.6.140 (Scott)

On June 1, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-34 to correct pages filed in "Business Custom Choice", Tariff Transmittal 99-28, Docket N99.5.117. This Transmittal corrects release numbers on the tariff pages and provides the correct feature package price of \$12.89.

2. US WEST COMMUNICAITONS - Docket N99.6.142 (Eric)

On June 2, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-35 for approval of its proposed "Measured Service Promotion" which is to run from approval of the tariff until October 1, 1999. USWC proposes to waive the non-recurring change charge to allow customers, who wish to do so, the opportunity to try a measured option to see if it meets their needs. The tariff allows them to switch back to flat-rated service with no charge if they are not satisfied with a measured option.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket: N99.6.139 (Leroy)

On May 28, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-33 "Business Custom Choice Promotion". During promotional period of June 28 through August 20, 1999, new and existing business customers will receive a \$20 mail in coupon, per account, when subscribing to a Business CustomChoice package, an additional flat rated access line, or a Centrex 21 Rate Stabilized Analog Station Line, a \$150 mail in coupon, per account, when subscribing to an ISDN single line service with a minimum one year contract, a \$20 mail in coupon, per account and additionally, a \$20 credit for trade-in of an existing answering machine when subscribing to Business Voice Messaging, a \$10 credit on their bill when subscribing to Business CustomChoice with Simple Value Calling Plan, and a waiver of the nonrecurring charges for conversion of a flat rated access line to a Centrex 21 Rate Stabilize Analog Station Line.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket: N99.6.144 (Leroy)

On June 7, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-37 "CustomChoice" limited time promotional offering. During the promotional period from June 28 through August 7, 1999 residence customers subscribing to CustomChoice, will receive a coupon redeemable for a \$20.00 check. Additionally, customers who subscribe to CustomChoice electronically through the US West website will receive a \$5.00 bill credit. Except for the web offering, this is an identical promotion to N99.1.9 that was offered from February 15 through March 26, 1999.

**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 N99.6.147 (Scott)

On June 2, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-36b to adjust the feature rates for Montana Choice, Residential Custom Choice, Value Choice, and Business Custom Choice services to keep tariffed rates aligned with the advertised and billed rates for the packages. These adjustments are due to the tariff compliance filing of Docket D96.12.220- Restructuring of Regulated Prices Phase 2 and Docket D96.8.131- Depreciation Adjustment.

2. STORMTEL, INC., PROGRESSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP., CCC MERGER CORP - Docket N99.6.150 (Leroy)

On June 14, 1999, CCC Merger Corporation (CCC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Progressive Telecommunications Corporation, and STORMTEL, Inc. jointly notified the Commission of CCC's intent to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of STORMTEL, an authorized Montana intrastate toll telecommunications service.

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

D99.4.111 – Notice Of Staff Action Granting Intervention

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-6-21**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N99.6.147 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 99-36b – Adjust Feature Rates of Certain Packages Services – Compliance Filing  
 N99.6.148 - AT&T - Tariff 99-15 Joint Venture Promo; Value Block; Simplified Calling; CIID/891 Calling Card Promotions

N99.6.149 – Flathead Electric Cooperative Inc. – Opinion Ruling –  
Community Service Program

N99.6.150 – STORMTEL, INC. f/k/a Z-TEL, INC. – Transfer of Control to CCC  
Merger Corp.

N99.6.151 – MCI Telecommunications Corporation – Tariff Letter 99-06 –  
Textual Revisions and Changes