

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-6-28**

Date Prepared: June 24, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: June 28, 1999
Business Meeting: June 28, 1999, 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. D99.5.120 – Cenex Pipeline – Discuss/Act (6/29/99)
2. D99.6.149 – Energy Northwest – Energy Northwest Roundup for Safety program – Discuss/Act on request for opinion ruling (6/29/99)
3. D99.5.130 – Energy Northwest – Energy Northwest usbp proposal – Discuss/Act on Notice of filing and opportunity for hearing (6/29/99)
4. Joint comments to BPA on proposed Standard for Service – Discuss comments and whether PSC will join as a signatory (6/29/99)
5. Wattage Monitor letter – Discuss and act on letter to send to Bob Fitzgerald, Wattage Monitor, on web site linkage with PSC (6/29/99)
6. D99.2.26 – Small Companies v. USWC (re: access charges) – Discussion and action on motion to dismiss, other matters as necessary (6/29/99)

7. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless – Discussion and action on request for protective order, other matters as necessary (6/29/99)
8. D99.3.52 – Ronan/Hot Springs v. USWC (re: intraLATA toll) – Discussion and action as necessary on all matters related to settlement* (6/29/99)
9. N99.2.47 – Restructure ISDN Single Line Service – Discuss memo and possible need for a hearing (6/29/99)
10. N99.5.127 – Southern Telephone – Waiver and interim tariff approval (6/29/99)

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 N99.6.147 (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.

3. BLACKFOOT TELE CO-OP & MT WIRELESS, INC. /RONAN TELE D99.4.112/113 (ROBIN)

Montana Consumer Counsel filed for late intervention. Staff recommends approval.

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. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L. P. Docket N99.6.153(Leroy)

On June 17, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, L. P. filed Price List No. 1. The purpose of the filing is to add the definition "Location"; make text revisions; introduce Sprint 1000; introduce Sprint Standard Weekend; introduce Sprint Real Solutions VPNSM; grandfather Sprint Unlimited Canada; grandfather Sprint Sense AnyTime Canada; and add text to Airline/Sprint Partnership Program. Also included in the filing are two non regulated price increases - Directory Assistance Rates and Directory Assistance Service Rates.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP Docket N99.6.154 (Leroy)

On June 18, 1999, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal Letter No. 99-07 to introduce the Retail Affinity Program Plan II and Commercial Credit Card Affinity Plan Program II.

3. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D99.6.140 (Eric)

On June 23, 1999, MPC filed an application for authority to issue such number of shares of its authorized but unissued common capital stock as may be required in connection with the two-for-one stock split declared by the Board of Directors on June 22, 1999.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.6.157 (Dave)

On June 21, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-39 to grandfather Business Internet Directory Listing products. The product offerings are being withdrawn because the market has not materialized as anticipated. Only very limited demand for white page internet listings by business

customers has been realized. Existing customers can retain their listing; the product will not be available for new customers. Current customers will be notified of the change in status of the product.

5. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIOIS – DOCKET N99.6.151 (DAVE)

On June 16, 1999, MCI Telecommunications filed Tariff Transmittal 99-06 proposing the following textual revisions and changes:

- 1) Grandfather Network Pricing Plans (NPP), Digital Data Service (DDS), Fixed Term Plans (FTP), Central Office Connections (COC), Access Coordination (AC) and Network Connection Charge (NCC);
- 2) Name change from TDS 1.5 to DS1, Fractional DS1 and DS45 to DS3; and
- 3) Add a Network Connection Charge to Analog COC, DS1 COC, DDS COC and DS3 COC.

MCI is requesting an effective date of June 28, 1999.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-7-6

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.6.152 – USWC – USWC & Computer Business Sciences interconnection agreement

N99.6.153 – Sprint – Sprint Tariff revision to price list

N99.6.154 – MCI – MCI tariff 99-07 Retail Affinity & Common Credit Card Affinity

N99.6.155 – USWC – USWC/ICB Contract – Uniform Access Solution

N99.6.156 – USWC – Tariff 99-40 project area designation – Yellowstone River Ranch

N99.6.157 – USWC – USWC 99-39 Grandfather Business Internet Listing

N99.6.158 – Centurytel – CenturyTel 99-4 tariff providing intrastate dialing parity

N99.6.159 – USWC – ROC/PSC letter to USWC

D99.6.160 – MPC – MPC application of securities issue