

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-7-19**

Date Prepared: July 15, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: July 19, 1999  
Business Meeting: July 19, 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. D99.4.111 – Ronan Telephone Co – Petition of Ronan to suspend interconnection requirement – To consider and act on Ronan's objections to data requests; to consider and act on Ronan motion to join Blackfoot as a party (7/19/99)
2. N99.6.163 – MDU – MDU Petition for declaratory ruling with the Department of Revenue – Revisit the issue of the work session on 7/7 discussing sending a Commission letter to the Director of the Department of Revenue explaining universal system benefits and credits under Title 69, Chapter 8, MCA and requesting expeditious declaratory ruling on universal system benefit programs/changes to allow implementation of the USBP in the last quarter of this year. Discussion of whether to direct MDU to apply to the Commission for an order approving its Universal System Benefits Programs, establishing the funding level and Universal System Benefits Charge, and allocating the funds among its programs. At the appropriate time, MDU can then apply to the DOR for review of its programs for determination of its credits. (7/20/99)

3. Default supplier rulemaking – Discuss letters to bill sponsors regarding status of default supply rules (7/20/99)
4. N99.6.166 – City of Missoula – City of Missoula electric supplier license application – Discuss/act on license application (7/20/99)
5. D99.5.136 – Wettington Acres – Initial Water Rates – to approve the water rates (7/20/99)
6. D99.6.146 – Bridgeband & USWC – Discuss and approve final order approving Interconnection (7/20/99)
7. Lawsuit-Speech Restrictions – Placeholder in case there are further developments in settlement discussions (7/20/99)
8. D99.2.26 – Small Cos v USWC – Discussion and act on motion for reconsideration of final order dismissing complaint (7/20/99)
9. L.99.4.4 – RUL – OSP Rules – Discussion, direction, action on proposed rules and rule amendments, other matters as necessary (7/20/99)

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. CENTRAL MT COMMUNICATION, INC. - Docket N99.7.169 (Scott)

On July 2, 1999, Central Montana, Inc. filed tariff pages to modify how it charges subscribers for construction above a set allowance. Central Montana, Inc. proposes a \$3,000 construction allowance will be set for each new connected loop in conjunction with signing a service contract for the appropriate period based on construction footage. The subscriber will bear construction costs, excluding backbone plant, which exceed a \$3,000 per connected loop construction allowance.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N99.7.170 (Scott)

On July 6, 1999, U S West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-42 to reduce rates for Call Forwarding Expanded products. The proposal is to reduce rates for the following expanded Call Forwarding products: Call Forward Busy Line (Expanded); Call Forwarding Don't Answer (Expanded); Call Forwarding Busy Line/Don't Answer (Expanded) for residence and business customers.

3. ICB – Uniform Access Solution N99.6.155 (Wendy)

On June 17, 1999, US West Communications filed for commission approval a contract between US West and Internet Connect Service for Uniform Access Solutions (UAS) service. In Order No. 6173, Docket N99.4.84, the PSC approved Tariff Transmittal 99-20 which allowed individual case basis (ICB) pricing for UAS systems of 10 or more connections, and required US West to file each ICB contract with the commission.

**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.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-7-26**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D99.8.173 – Cenex – Cenex Tariff Filing #11

D99.7.174 – Cenex – Cenex Tariff Filing #23