

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-8-16**

Date Prepared: August 12, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: August 16, 1999
Business Meeting: August 16, 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. N99.7.178 – Big Sky Power electricity suppliers application – Discuss/act on application (8/17/99)
2. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier – Information on Western Wireless Corporation petition with the FCC for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to the Crow Reservation (8/17/99)
3. D97.7.116 – USWC measured service information – To discuss USWC's current promotion for measured service, review test call results, consider action options (8/17/99)
4. D98.10.224 & D98.10.232 – Hot Springs and Ronan's intraLATA dialing parity plans – To discuss and act on Ronan and Hot Springs' plans (8/17/99)

5. USWC v. PSC (and NARUC) marketing restrictions in dialing parity rules
– To discuss settlement as needed, will follow on from the w/s on July 29 and July 30 if there is one (8/17/99)

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. CENTURYTEL – Docket N99.7.186 (Dave)

On July 29, 1999, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal 99-5 requesting a promotional offering for the period September 1, 1999 through October 31, 1999. CenturyTel requests that the nonrecurring charge be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same address.

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. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N99.8.189 (Dave)

On August 4, 1999, US West filed a Forbearance Application in compliance with Section 69-33-808, MCA and Section 38-5-2715, ARM. This application was filed for the purpose of negotiating an individual contract with Montana Communications Network (MCN). The customer has requested a bid from US West for Business Access Lines (1FB) in the exchanges of Glendive, Wibaux and Sidney. The customer has already received bids from Mid-Rivers, for service in those locations.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATION, INC. N99.8.188 (SCOTT)

On August 4, 1999, U S WEST filed tariff transmittal 99-ACO6 to restructure its Local Transport Rate (LTR) elements and to reduce the Carrier Common Line (CCL) rate. The restructure (LTR) mirrors the

transport element implemented in FCC tariff in its 1996 Access Charge Reform Order, and LTR introduces four new intrastate switched access rate elements. The four rate elements are Tandem Trunk Port, Common Transport Multiplexing, End Office Shared Port and End Office Dedicated Trunk Port

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-8-23

New Filings Received in Past Week

N99.8.190 – PP&L of Montana – Request for letter on generation facilities
D99.8.191 – Grant Creek Water Works – Geiszler vs. Jack L Green GCWW
D99.8.192 – Montana- Dakota Utilities – MDU Gas Tracker