

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-8-30**

Date Prepared: August 26, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: August 30, 1999
Business Meeting: August 30, 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>.

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

1. D97.7.90 – MPC Tier 2 restructuring filing – Discuss whether Tier 2 filing complies with law (8/31/99)
2. L-99.7.9-RUL – Default supply disclosure rulemaking – Discuss default supply rules (8/31/99)
3. D99.6.145 – Cut Bank Gas – Discuss request for interim relief (8/31/99)
4. D98.9.213 – Great Falls Gas, gas tracker – Discuss Motion for Clarification and Reconsideration (8/31/99)
5. D96.9.152 – Flathead Valley Business Association vs PTI – Discuss and act on complainants' (Flathead) request to dismiss (withdraw) complaint (8/31/99)
6. D97.2.33 & D97.4.65 – Payphone Dockets – Discuss and act on final payphone order (8/31/99)

7. D99.8.200 – Quest/USWC merger – Preliminary discussion and action on application as needed if needed (8/31/99)
8. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless ETC – Discussion and action on discovery disputes (8/31/99)
9. L99.4.4-RUL – Operator Service Provider Rules – Prehearing discussion (8/31/99)
10. L99.7.8-RUL – Proposed Cramming Rules – Prehearing discussion (8/31/99)

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 COMMUNICATION, INC. N99.7.184 (SCOTT)

On July 29, 1999, U S WEST filed tariff transmittal 99-46 to grandfather Custom Solutions and the Real Deal packages of service. Under this proposal, current customers of these packages can continue to have the packages but these packages will not be available to new customers. In 1998, U S WEST introduced CustomChoice and this package of service has been very successful in the marketplace. By grandfathering these earlier packages, U S WEST will simplify its product line.

2. Ronan Telephone Company Docket N99.2.38 (Bonnie)

On August 19, 1999, Ronan Telephone Company filed a request to withdraw N99.2.38, the application for Centrex service as a tariffed service with enhanced services as detariffed. Staff had requested costing information as well as justification for the detariffed filing. Ronan asks that this docket be closed. A replacement filing may be made at a later date.

3. 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 MidRivers, for service in those locations.

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 N99.8.203 (Dave)

On August 23, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-48 to introduce an Integrated T1 Promotion. Business customers subscribing to a 12-month or longer Rate Stabilized Agreement for Integrated T1 will receive a waiver of nonrecurring charges. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to February 12, 2000 and where service is technically feasible and facilities available. The promotional period is from September 15, 1999 through November 12, 1999.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N99.8.198 – Frontier Communications – Tariff 19 Introduce Frontier Websaver II

D99.8.200 – USWC/Quest Merger

N99.8.201 – USWC – USWC/Citizen Tracking Correspondence re: tracking exchanges

N99.8.203 – USWC – Tariff 99-48 Integrated T1 promotion

D99.8.204 – Cut Bank Gas Co – Rate decrease to reflect USBP funding