

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-9-6**

Date Prepared: September 2, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: September 6, 1999
Business Meeting: **September 7, 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. D97.7.90 – MPC Court case on Standards of Conduct – Discussion on settling lawsuit on Standards of Conduct, Cause No. DV-98200 (Butte District Court) (9/8/99)
2. L-99.7.9-RUL – Default supply and disclosure rulemaking – Discuss issuing proposed rules for comments (9/8/99)
3. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless ETC – Discussion and action on discovery dispute (9/8/99)
4. Telecom registration on web site – Discuss improvements to electronic telecom carrier registration (9/8/99)

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. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.8.193 (Leroy)

On August 13, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-PLT01 "Revise the Service Dated Change Interval, and revise and clarify cancellation and maintenance of service charges." This will reduce the Service Date Change interval from 120 days to 30 days for Private Line Transport Service. In addition, there are proposed revisions and clarifications for cancellation and maintenance of service charges.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.8.194 (Leroy)

On August 13, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-AC07 "Revise Service Date Change Interval for Switched Access and revise and clarify cancellation service charges." The Service Date Change permits a customer to delay accepting service for a specified period beyond the original due date. This tariff shortens the period from 120 days to 30 days.

3. VALLEY TELECOM & PROJECT TEL CO Docket N99.8.196 (Leroy)

On August 17, 1999, Valley Telecommunications and Project Telephone Company filed tariff's for a special promotion. The promotional period for Valley Telecommunications is from September 15, 1999, through November 15, 1999. The promotional period for Project Telephone is from August 20, 1999 through October 20, 1999. The promotion is free use of a Caller ID box with a minimum purchase of \$10 per month for Caller ID and other Tel*Star services for a 12 month period.

4. AT & T N99.7.183 (SCOTT)

On July 28, 1999 AT & T Filed Tariff Transmittal 99-20. These Access Service and Interconnection Service tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to Access and Interconnection Services with other carriers.

5. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D97.7.90 (Eric)

On August 30, 1999, MPC requested that the accounting orders for CTC-RA and CTC-QF be extended until December 31, 1999. The reason for the extension is that the sale of MPC's generation did not close by September 1, 1999. MPC now estimates that the sale will close in mid-to-late October. An Order has been drafted which grants the extension of the accounting orders to December 31, 1999.

6. 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.

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. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS Docket N99.6.148 (Leroy)

On June 11, 1999, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 99-15 introducing a promotion AT&T Joint vendor Promotion and makes permanent three existing promotions, AT&T Value Block, AT&T Simplified Calling and AT&T CIID/891 Calling Card Promotions. Additionally, Dial Station rates for AT&T Green Sense and the Green Option Promotion are being increased.

2. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS Docket N99.8.207 (Leroy)

On August 31, 1999, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 99-23 introducing five new promotions:

AT&T IntraLATA Montana CustomNet-Option S, Option IV Bill Credit Promotion - enables customers to receive one bill credit per location based on their first full bill month of gross outbound direct dial IntraLATA usage

AT&T Green Sense IV - responds to MCI \$.05 off-peak offering

AT&T CIID/891 Calling Card Promotion I - AT&T calling card rate of \$.20/minute anytime

AT&T CIID/891 Calling Card Promotion II - AT&T calling card rate of off-peak \$.10 and peak rates of \$.40

AT&T Sub-timing Promotion also known as AT&T One Rate Exact - extended to September 17, 1999

3. Cut Bank Gas Company D99.8.204 (Scott)

On August 11, 1999 Cut Bank Gas Company requested authority to decrease rates to its customers to reflect costs for funding the Universal Systems Benefits Plan per Order No. 6104, Docket No. D98.8.179.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-9-13

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.8.205 – USWC – Application for authority to detariff toll and operator services

N99.8.206 – PP&L Montana – Application for perm electricity suppliers license & motion for partial waiver of Administrative Rule

N99.8.207 – AT&T – Tariff 99-23 New promotions with rates