

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-10-12**

Date Prepared: October 7, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: October 12, 1999
Business Meeting: October 12, 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. L99.7.9RUL – Default supply rules – Discuss date for roundtable discussions and facilitator options (10/13/99)
2. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water Co – Further post hearing discussion, direction (10/13/99)
3. D98.9.213 – Great Falls Gas Motion for Reconsideration – To discuss and or Approve Order on Reconsideration (10/13/99)
4. D99.8.176 – MPC gas – Discussion and action on motions, other matters as necessary (10/13/99)
5. D99.7.168 – USWC Rates, re: HB 128 – Discussion, direction, action on stipulation, other matters as necessary (10/13/99)
6. D99.4.111 – Ronan Petition for Exemption – Placeholder in the event direction or action is needed (10/13/99)

7. USW v. PSC (speech restrictions in the dialing parity rules) – To discuss administrative action necessary as a result of the settlement (10/13/99)
8. L99.10.10 –RUL – PSC practice rule – Discussion, direction, or action on proposed amendment to PSC practice rule (10/13/99)
9. D97.7.90 – CONTINUED REQUEST: MPC Court case on Standards of Conduct – Further discussion on settling lawsuit on Standards of Conduct, Cause No. DV-98-200 (Butte district court) (10/13/99)

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. FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES Docket N99.8.198(Leroy)

On August 19, 1999, Allnet Communication Services, Inc. D/B/A Frontier Communications Services filed Transmittal No. 19. The filing introduces Websaver II, a switched, non distance sensitive, flat rated service with a \$100 and \$300 usage level, and added additional usage levels for PriorityPlan service option.

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, INC Docket N99.7.181 (Leroy)

On August 9, 1999, US WEST filed this promotion for NonUtility Incentive -Access Line. The promotion was approved by the Commission to run from August 23 through September 30. This is a request to extend the promotion through October 31, 1999.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.10.225 (Leroy)

On October 4, 1999, MCI Telecommunications, Inc., filed transmittal letter 99-15 for changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2. The changes are text changes to the Late Fee, Section A, changing the due date from 31 days after invoice to on or before the due date specified on the invoice. The changes are due to become effective October 11, 1999.

3. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.10.228 (Leroy)

On October 4, 1999, MCI Telecommunications, Inc. filed transmittal letter 99-14 for changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2. These changes include the introduction of the Retail Affinity Program Plan 1, and Commercial Credit Affinity Program Plan 1, grandfather Option BB (MCI One Extra), change the pricing for Option CC (MCI One Advantage), Option EE (MCI Everyday) and Option FF (MCI Everyday Plus) to become effective October 11, 1999.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.9.217 (Dave)

On September 22, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-52 to extend the offering for an additional 6 months which is set to expire on October 20, 1999. The program offers incentives for customers, who have chosen to obtain local service from an alternative provider, to return to US West. This program allows US West to compete and provides customers additional choices for their telephone provider.

5. US WEST Communication N99.9.216 (Scott)

On September 22, 1999, US West Communication filed for Commission approval a contract between US West and Sprint for ISDN service. The Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts are allowed in the ISDN tariff, Section 14.4. This contract was also negotiated on a multistate basis.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-10-18

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.10.223 – Black Hills Power & Light – Fuel Rate Rider

N99.10.224 – Linda Vista Water Co – Cross-connection tariffs

N99.10.225 – MCI – Tariff 99-15 text changes to Late Fee

N99.10.226 –USWC – Tariff 99-55 Tenant Solutions

N99.10.227 – USWC – Tariff 99-54 IntrLATA Toll Competitive Response

N99.10.228 – MCI – Tariff 99-14 Textual revisions and changes