

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-10-18**

Date Prepared: October 14, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: October 18, 1999  
Business Meeting: October 18, 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. D99.7.171 – Gordon-Prill-Drapes – Further Discussion from two weeks ago (10/19/99)
2. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water Co – Further post hearing discussion, direction (10/19/99)
3. N99.9.217 – USWC - Tariff Transmittal 99-52 Renew Residential and Business WinBack Promotions – Discuss Renewal of WinBack Promotions (10/19/99)
4. N99.7.177 – Telecommunications Resellers Association letter to Commission – To discuss letter and options for Commission action (10/19/99)
5. D99.4.111 – Ronan Tel Petition for Exemption under Telecom Act – To discuss and get direction on the PSC's decision in this docket (10/20/99)

6. D99.7.168 – USWC – Discussion, direction, action on stipulation (10/19/99)
7. D99.2.26 – Small Co's v USWC – Update on judicial review of PSC final order (10/19/99)
8. N99.10.230 – USWC protective order for service quality reports – Discussion and action on motion for protective order (10/19/99)
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) (10/19/99)

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 COMMUNICATIONS Docket D99.7.168 (Martin)  
 Consideration of a stipulation by all parties that USWC's reduction in rates pursuant to HB 128 be approved as filed.
2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS 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.
3. 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.

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 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

6. 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.

7. 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 card calls home pricing for Option CC (MCI One Advantage), Option EE (MCI Everyday) and Option FF (MCI Everyday Plus) to become effective October 11, 1999

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-10-25**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N99.10.229 – AT&T – Proprietary comparison access rates for local exchange carriers
- N99.10.230 – USWC – Service quality reports
- D99.10.231 – Clark Fork – Notice of intent to decrease rates per HB 128
- D99.10.232 – MDU – Gas Tracker
- D99.10.233 – MPC – Annual avoided cost compliance filing
- N99.10.234 – USWC – Tariff 99-57 Intro Privacy Products, Promo for Residence Customers
- N99.10.235 – MCI – Tariff Text changes and Promo One Savings Calling card
- N99.10.236 – USWC – Emergency Preparedness Network on Detariffed basis
- N99.10.237 – USWC – Tariff 99-56 Elimination of StartUp/Upgrade Business Packages