

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-11-1**

Date Prepared: October 28, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: November 1, 1999  
Business Meeting: November 1, 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. D97.7.90 – MPC Tier 2 Filing – Discuss whether Tier 2 filing complies with law and legal briefs (11/2/99)
2. D99.8.176 – MPC Gas – Placeholder, discussion and action as needed (11/2/99)
3. D99.3.68 – U West/Covad Communications – Interconnection Agreement – to approve an amendment to the agreement (11/2/99)
4. N99.10.235 – U S West Competitive Zone Residence and Business WinBack Promotions – Decide on USWC proposal (11/2/99)
5. D99.8.200 – U S West/Qwest Merger – Discussion and action on U S West/Qwest's objections to standing of intervenors and objections to data requests (11/2/99)

6. D99.8.200– U S West/Qwest Merger – Pro Hac Vice Application – Act on a pro hac vice application for participation in the U S West/Qwest merger case (11/2/99)
7. N99.6.143 – HB 128 – Commission direction on companies' proposed plans (11/2/99)
8. N99.10.241 – Complaint letters of Montana Communications and Essen Communications re: USWC (11/2/99)
9. D99.4.111 – Ronan Petition for Suspension – Approve final order draft (11/2/99)
10. 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) (11/2/99)

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 COMMUNIICATIONS N99.10.237 (Leroy)

On October 13, 1999 US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-56 requesting the elimination of the StartUp and Upgrade Business Packages. The packages have become outdated with the introduction of Business CustomChoice.

2. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS N99.10.238 DAVE)

On October 14, 1999, AT&T Communications filed an application to withdraw AT&T's Easy Reach 500 Service and Easy Reach 700 Service (the "Services") effective November 15, 1999. The services are interstate services and only available intrastate as an add-on to interstate services. AT&T seeks to withdraw the intrastate Services coincident with the discontinuance of the interstate services.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. N99.10.234 (ERIC)

On October 13, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-57 for approval of some new Custom Calling features. The new products are Caller ID with Privacy +, Dial Lock, Do Not Disturb, and No Solicitation. Residence customers who order any of the features between November 15, 1999, and December 31, 1999 will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge. Caller ID with Privacy + provides subscribers with the ability to screen private and unidentified calls that are placed to their number. Dial Lock is a service that allows residential and small business customers the ability to manage outbound local and long distance calls placed from their telephones by blocking certain types of calls. Do Not Disturb allows customers to prevent the ringing of their telephone during specified hours. No solicitation is a feature designed to deter telemarketing, solicitation calls.

4. MONTANA POWER COMPANY D97.7.90 (Tier 2) (Denise)

On October 26, 1999, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation filed a late Petition for Leave to Intervene in the Tier 2 of MPC's restructuring case. The Tribes have an interest in the Kerr Hydroelectric Project, as part of the generation assets sale. Counsel for MPC and PP&L Montana, L.L.C., were contacted and have no objection.

**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 N99.10.242 (Dave)

On October 21, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-59 to introduce a short term promotional offering for ISDN Single Line Service. During the promotional period from November 15, 1999 through December 18, 1999, customers subscribing to ISDN Single Line Service will receive a \$100.00 rebate toward the installation of the service. The promotions are only available where it is technically feasible to provide service and facilities are available during the promotional period.

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

D99.2.29 – Notice of Staff Action Granting Intervention

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-11-8**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D99.10.240 – USWC/Multiband Communications, Inc. - Interconnection Agreement

N99.10.241 – Essen Communications and Montana Communications – Complaint - Letters detailing numerous complaints against US West (customer service-type issues like billing, disconnection, etc.)

N99.10.242 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 99-59 – “ISDN Promotion”

D99.10.243 – Energy West – Gas Tracker