

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-11-22**

Date Prepared: November 18, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: November 22, 1999
Business Meeting: November 22, 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. L99.7.9RUL – Default Supply Rulemaking – Discuss notice to Secretary of State (11/22/99)
2. PSC approval of winter shutoffs – Obtain authority for staff to approve/disapprove winter shutoff (11/23/99)
3. N98.6.138 – Y2K Report – Final report on Y2K (11/23/99)
4. D97.7.90 – MPC Tier 2 Case – Discuss draft order (11/23/99)
5. D99.11.247 – MPC Gas Tracker – Discuss and act on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary (11/23/99)
6. D99.8.176 – MPC Gas – Discussion and action on additional issues. other matters as necessary (11/23/99)
7. N99.10.230 – USWC –Further discussion of USWC service quality reports and protective order (11/23/99)

8. FCC wireless and USF NPRM's –Further discussion of PSC participation in FCC wireless and USF rulemaking (11/23/99)
9. N99.10.244 – AT&T Generic Protective Order – Review and approve motion for protective order (11/23/99)
10. FCC 9th and 10th orders on Universal Service – To highlight key aspects of the order, discuss impacts on Montana and discuss possible action for the Commission (11/23/99)
11. N99.6.143 – House Bill 128 – Get Commission direction on Lincoln Telephone and Hot Spring Telephone Company (11/23/99)
12. 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) (11/23/99)

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. COLSTRIP COMMUNITY SERVICES CO DOCKET NO. D99.9.209 (Joel)

On September 2, 1999, Colstrip Community Services Company (CCSC) filed a petition to transfer to the newly incorporated City of Colstrip, Montana the operational and maintenance duties associated with the water and sewer system which services Colstrip. The water and sewer system which currently services Colstrip is owned by Rosebud County and operated and maintained by CCSC. On October 26, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Application for Approval of the Transfer. Comments on the Application were due by November 12, 1999. No comments were received. An Order approving the transfer has been drafted.

2. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N99.11.246 (Leroy)

On November 1, 1999, Sprint Communications Company filed textual changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. The filing adds and changes text for Sprint 1000, extends Sprint Nickel Nights Off-Peak hours and introduces Sprint Nickel Nights Extra calling 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. AT&T DOCKET NO. N99.11.253 (Eric)

On November 17, 1999, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 99-32 which introduced a new service, AT&T Business Network which provides customer centric integrated capabilities across AT&T Business Services. AT&T Business Network Service allows the Customer to integrate their long distance, including directory assistance, card and local usage.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (N99.11.249)(Leroy)

On November 16, 1999, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal Letter No 99-18 proposing the textual revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. They are proposing to grandfather Option CC (MCI One Advantage) to become effective December 1, 1999

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.
D99.8.200 – NSA – USWC/Quest Merger
D99.8.205 – NSA – Detariffed Service

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-11-29

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D99.11.247 – Montana Power Company – Annual Gas Tracker
- D99.11.248 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Gas Tracker
- N99.11.249 – MCI – Tariff 99-18 Option CC textual revisions and changes
- D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop – Application for Designation and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Wibaux MT
- N99.11.251 – PSC – Investigation of Utility Competition in Appliance Merchandizing & Servicing
- D99.11.252 – USWC – USWC/McLeodUSA resale agreement
- D99.11.253 – AT&T – Trans 99-32 Introduce AT&T Business Network (ABN)