

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-12-13**

Date Prepared: December 9, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: December 13, 1999  
Business Meeting: December 13, 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. D99.10.240 – Northwest/USWC Interconnection Agreement – Approve interconnection agreement. 12/13/99
2. D99.10.241 – Complaint of Montana Communications & Essen Communications vs. USWC – Discuss status and decide on next steps. 12/14/99
3. D98.10.224/D98.10.232 – Motions for Reconsideration of Hot Springs and Ronan Telephone 1+ intraLATA dialing parity orders – Act on the motions. 12/14/99
4. D99.5.129/D99.7.172 – EAS – Billings and Great Falls Regions – Discuss and act on protective order, other matters as necessary. 12/14/99
5. FCC CC 96-45 – FCC USF NPRM – Further discussion on filing comments in FCC NPRM on USF for tribal lands and insular areas. 12/14/99

6. FCC CC 96-45 – FCC HCF Orders – Further discussion on options in response to FCC order on HCF. 12/14/99
7. L-99.10.10-RUL – PSC Protective Rule – prehearing discussion. 12/14/99
8. D98.8.192 – UNEs, Wholesale Discount, Collocation, etc. – Placeholder for action and direction as necessary. 12/14/99

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. CenturyTel Docket No. N99.11.254 (Scott)

On November 17, 1999 CenturyTel filed tariff transmittal 99-7 which will reduce its intrastate carrier access charges by \$1,302,000 to address the impacts of House Bill 128. In addition to reducing the level of intrastate access charges, this filing also implements Local Transport Restructure (LTR). The LTR being presented is consistent with CenturyTel's current interstate access rate structure. This will expand the customer's option for ordering interoffice transport for switched access service.

**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 U S WEST DOCKET NO. N99.12.262 (Eric)

On December 3, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-63, "Residential Additional Line Promotion." The promotional offering is a \$15.00 bill credit per line for customers who subscribe to an additional flat rated residential access line, limited to two additional lines per location. The promotional period proposed is from December 27, 1999, through February 11, 2000.

2 SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP Docket N99.12.259(Leroy)

On December 2, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, LP filed for changes in its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. The purpose of this filing is to:

Add text to Adjustments for Municipality Payments

Add text to Rate Periods section

Revise Sprint 1000 text

Add text and introduce a new option to Sprint Collegiate Card

Grandfather Residential Toll Free Service

Add Payphone Surcharge text

Introduce Promotional Prepaid FONCARD Service

Introduce Business StandAlone FONCARD

Introduce Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All Day Services

Grandfather Optional FONCARD rate and Toll Free Rate with SCW

Introduce Optional FONCARD Rate and Toll Free Rate with SCW II

Revise Sprint Sense Home Office text and Introduce new options

Decrease Per-Call Payphone Service Charge

3. Central Montana Communication, Inc. N99.12.258 (Scott)

On December 2, 1999, Central Montana Communication, Inc (CMC) filed tariff pages to reflect House Bill 128. In this filing CMC zone charges have been eliminated, 1 FR and 1 FB have been reduced by \$0.34 and \$0.31 and a line item credit has been created for residential one-party service of \$0.70, and business one-party and PBX service of \$5.44. In this filing, CMC also proposes the following changes: Section 5 - Proposes to increase the Customers number non-recurring charges from \$20.00 to \$40.00. Section 12.5 – Service moves have been revised to allow a subscriber to sign a contract based on construction footage rather than pay 100 percent of the cost. Section 14 - Has been changed to allow service extensions under 1000 feet for customers to sign a contract if they choose to pay a monthly minimum. Section 19 - The option for numbers allowed the subscriber for speed dialing has been increased to thirty. Section 20 - The monthly custom number charge has been removed since all cost will be recovered through the increase non-recurring charges listed in section 5. Section 30- Internet billing has been revised. Section 31 – Two new options have been added to Class services, Call forward on busy and changed number announcement.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.12.261 (Dave)

On December 3, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-62 to introduce a limited time promotional offering for business customers called, "Small Business Solutions for the Millennium Promotion". The promotional offering includes bill credits, waiver of one-time charges, waiver of one month's recurring charges for qualifying products. The promotion is scheduled to run from December 27, 1999 through March 17, 2000 for Business CustomChoice and from January 4, 2000 through March 17, 2000 for the other products. There is also a non-telecommunications offer included in the promotion. With the purchase of Business Voice Messaging with Caller ID the customer will receive a free Call Waiting ID Box.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-12-20****New Filings Received in Past Week**

N99.12.258 – Central Montana Communications – Tariff modifications to sections 4, 5, 12.5, 14, 19, 20, 30, and 31.

N99.12.259 – Sprint – Tariff revisions, additions and introductions

N99.12.260 – MPC – Problem regarding relocations of service

N99.12.261 – USWC – Tariff Trans 99-62 Small business solutions for the Millennium Promo

N99.12.262 – USWC – Tariff Trans 99-63 Residential Additional Line Promo

N99.12.263 – USWC – Tariff Trans 99-64 Cancellation of service revisions