

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-1-3**

Date Prepared: December 30, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: January 3, 2000  
Business Meeting: January 3, 2000, 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. MPC-EWR Billing Dispute - Discuss EWR (Energy West Resources) consolidated billing approach. 1/4/00
2. N99.12.260 – MPC request for PSC ruling re: providing service to delinquent customer when he/she moves. 1/4/00
3. Regulation of water at mobile home parks – Discuss the implications of some recent complaints about water service at a mobile home park in Billings and get direction. 1/4/00
4. D99.8.176 – MPC Gas Case – Discussion and action on all matters necessary (if necessary). 1/4/00
5. D99.10.241 – Montana Communications Complaint – Discuss jurisdictional issue and briefs
6. D99.8.200 – USWC/Qwest Merger – Direction to reestablish procedural schedule and hearing date. 1/4/00

7. D98.10.224 & D 98.10.232 – Reconsideration of Hot Springs and Ronan Telephone's 1+ IntraLATA dialing parity orders. 1/4/00
8. D99.12.284 – USWC/Montana Wireless – Interconnection Agreement – Consider interim approval of the agreement. 1/4/00
9. D99.4.112 & D99.4.113 – Ronan/Blackfoot/Montana Wireless Arbitrations – Act on Ronan's motion to dismiss, filed 12/22. 1/4/00
10. L-99.6.6-RUL – Protective Order Rules – Discuss draft notice of protective order rules. 1/4/00
11. Open Meetings and Noticing Meetings – Further discussion of open meetings and proper notice. 1/4/00
12. L-99.10.10-RUL – Practice Rule – Post-hearing discussion and action (hearing was held 12/16/99). 1/4/00
13. Pro-Bono. Follow up on previous work session in which the Commission adopted an interim policy pending a decision by the Governor. 1/4/00

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 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.12.263 (Leroy)

On December 3, 1999, US West Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 99-64 "Cancellation of Service Revisions". The filing is to introduce a consistent method for cancellation of service charges when a customer refuses acceptance of service because they are not ready or the decide to cancel the service order.

2. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP Docket N99.12.271(Leroy)

On December 10, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, LP filed for changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. The purpose of the filing is to correct a misspelled word and reduce the Payphone Surcharge rate.

**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. CITIZENS COMMUN. CO. OF MONTANA Docket N99.12.274 (Leroy)

On December 15, 1999, Citizens Communications Company of Montana filed for approval for a new service, National Directory Assistance. The new service makes a distinction between Local and National Directory Assistance. The new service is requested to become effective February 1, 2000.

2. MDU Resources Group Inc. DOCKET NO. D99.12.285 (Eric)

On December 23, 1999, MDU filed an application seeking authorization to issue up to 3,839,920 shares of MDU Resources Common Stock in connection with various stock incentive plans.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-1-10**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D99.12.277 - PSC Initiated Docket - Implementation of 47 CFR 51-507(f)  
Establishing Different Rates for Network Elements in Different  
Geographic Areas within the State
- N99.12.278 - USWC - Tariff Transmittal 99-65 "Residence Caller-ID Promotion"
- N99.12.279 - USWC - Tariff Transmittal 99-66 "Residence Voice Messaging  
Promotion"
- D99.12.280 - MCI WorldCom/Sprint - Application of MCI WorldCom, Inc. and  
Sprint Corporation for Approval to Transfer Control of Sprint  
Corporation's Montana Operating Subsidiaries to MCI WorldCom,  
Inc.
- N99.12.281 - Tariff Transmittal No. 20 - Name Change - Global Crossing  
Telecommunications, Inc. dba Frontier Communication Services,  
Inc., known as Allnet Communication Services to Global Crossing
- D99.12.282 - PSC Initiated Docket - Application Process for an Electricity Default  
Supplier License
- N99.12.283 - CenturyTel – Tariff Transmittal 99-8 - Rates and Conditions - Caller  
ID Promotion, Bus/Res Additional Line Promotion
- D99.12.284 - USWC/Montana Wireless - Interconnection Agreement
- D99.12.285 - MDU Resources Group, Inc. - Authorization of Issuance of  
Securities
- D99.12.286 - USWC/Pathnet, Inc. - Interconnection Agreement
- D99.12.287 - USWC/J S Telephony & Wireless Services, Inc. - Interconnection  
Agreement
- D99.12.288 - Black Hills Power & Light - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider