

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-1-10**

Date Prepared: January 6, 2000
For Work Week Commencing: January 10, 2000
Business Meeting: January 10, 2000, 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>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.2.29 – MDU USBC – Action on MPC's request for intervention. 1/11/00
2. D99.10.243 – EWM tracker – Discussion and action on suspension of procedural schedule. 1/11/00
3. D99.8.176 – MPC Gas – Further discussion and action on motions, other matters as necessary. 1/11/00
4. D2000.1.1 – Flathead One Call – Discussion, direction, action on complaint. 1/11/00
5. D99.4.112 & D99.4.113 – Arbitrations – Ronan, Blackfoot, Montana Wireless – Act on the motion to dismiss and the motion to require Blackfoot to file cost study filed by Ronan and the joint motion for establishment of "bill-and-keep" reciprocal compensation filed by Blackfoot and Montana Wireless. 1/11/00

6. D99.12.277 – Geographic deaveraging pursuant to federal rule – placeholder for action as needed. 1/11/00
7. D99.8.195, D99.9.213, D99.10.240 – DSLnet, Multiband, Northwest Communications - interconnection agreements – Act on request for time to file reconsideration. 1/11/00
8. D99.12.282 – Default supplier application process and further rulemaking. 1/11/00
9. D99.10.241 – Essen Communications and Montana Communications Complaint against US West – Report on staff discussions with Montana Communications and Essen Communications. 1/11/00
10. N99.12.275 – Detariffed services – CMC – Direction and consideration for CMC detariffed services. 1/11/00
11. FCC roundup including HCF – Discuss pending FCC matters, status, PSC involvement, as necessary. 1/11/00
12. L99.6.6-RUL – Protective order rules – Further discussion on draft protective order rules 1/11/00
13. L99.10.10-RUL – Practice rule – Further post hearing discussion and action. 1/11/00
14. Emergency meetings, open meetings, policy – Further discussion of emergency meetings, open meetings, and proper notice. 1/11/00
15. Commissioners/ACT - Work session request forms. Discuss possible revisions to work session request forms. 1/11/00

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. 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. A Default Order has been drafted.

2. 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.

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. CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES, INC. Docket N99.12.283
(Leroy)

On December 23, 1999, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 99-8 to introduce promotional offerings in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines as the same premise and/or the first month's charge will be waived for customers who subscribe to Caller ID. The promotion will run from February 1, 2000 through March 31, 2000.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-1-17

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2000.1.1 - DC Orr - Complaint Regarding Flathead One Call Center
D2000.1.2 - Shelby Gas Association – Petition for Declaratory Ruling