

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-01-24**

Date Prepared: January 20, 2000
For Work Week Commencing: January 24, 2000
Business Meeting: January 24, 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. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water Co – Discussion, direction, and action on draft order (1/25/00)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – MPC motion for reconsideration of Order 5986m – Discuss/act on draft order on reconsideration (1/25/00)
3. D99.4.86 – Fairmont Hot Springs Resort – Reschedule hearing (1/25/00)
4. D99.8.200 – USWC – USWC/Quest merger – Action on USWC/Quest's request for one week earlier hearing date (1/25/00)
5. FCC HCF – Further discussion on possible appeal of FCC HCF 9th and 10th orders, other matters as necessary (1/25/00)
6. N99.10.226 – Tariff Transmittal 99-55 Tenant Solutions – To discuss and act on USW's Tenant Solution Tariff (1/25/00)

7. D99.6.146, D99.6.152, D99.9.213, D99.10.240 & D99.8.195 – US West's Motions for Reconsideration regarding BridgeBand, Computer Business Sciences', Northwest Communications Networks, MultiBand Communications and DSLnet Communications Interconnection agreements – To discuss and act on USW's motions for reconsideration (1/25/00)
8. D99.10.245 – Interconnection Agreement, JATO Communications/USW – To act on the application to approve the agreement (1/25/00)
9. D99.4.112, D99.4.113 – Blackfoot, Montana Wireless, Ronan Arbitrations – To approve an order dismissing the dockets, acting on other motions as necessary, and directing a reciprocal compensation filing by Ronan (1/25/00)
10. D99.12.277 – Deaveraging Network Element Rates – to address USW comments and responses to those comments (1/25/00)
11. "Complaint" of Montana Wireless against USW – To discuss issues regarding the "complaint" (1/25/00)
12. D99.10.241 – Essen Communications Corp – To hold a place for discussion of developments (1/25/00)

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. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D99.3.69 (Eric)

On December 27, 1999, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on January 4, 2000. Requests for hearing were due by January 24, 2000. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$8,705 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

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 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2000.1.6 (Dave)

On January 12, 2000, US West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00.01, "Integrated T-1 Promotion". This promotion is offered to business customers who subscribe to a Rate Stabilized Agreement for IT-1 service, they will receive a waiver of the non-recurring charges associated with IT-1 facilities and any DID terminations associated with the order. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to August 1, 2000. The promotional period is scheduled from February 8, 2000 through April 28, 2000.

2. US West Communication Inc. N2000.1.5 (Scott)

On January 12, 2000, US West Communication filed tariff transmittal 00-003, which is a promotional addendum for nonutility incentive, associated with access line. The promotion is to target small business customers in Montana. They will receive a direct mail opportunity - if they respond to the direct mail and purchase one of the qualifying products (an additional line, ISDN), they will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to redeem at an online retail site. The promotion will be marketed as "Isn't It Time You Got On The Internet?" and is scheduled to run from February 2, 2000 through April 20, 2000.

3. MCI WorldCom, Inc. ,D99.12.280 (Scott)

On December 21, 1999, MCI WorldCom, Inc and Sprint Corporation request the Commission approval to transfer control of Sprint's Montana operating subsidiaries to MCI WorldCom. This request is being made to implement the October 4, 1999, agreement and plan merger by MCI WorldCom and Sprint, pursuant to which MCI WorldCom will acquire control of Sprint and is Montana operating companies.

4. Project Telephone Company, N2000.1.8 (Scott)

On January 17, 2000, Project Telephone Company filed a revised tariff sheet for Exchange and Network Service Tariff. The filing reduces the

recurring monthly rate for Non-Published and Non-Listed services for both Business and Residence customers. The rate for each service is being reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.75.

5. Valley Telecommunications, Inc., N2000.1.9 (Scott)

On January 17, 2000, Valley Telecommunications, Inc. filed a revised tariff sheet for Exchange and Network Service Tariff. The filing reduces the recurring monthly rate for Non-Published and Non-Listed services for both Business and Residence customers. The rate for each service is being reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.75.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-01-31

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2000.1.8 – Project Telephone – Revised tariff sheet for exchange and network
re: HB 128

N2000.1.9 – Valley Telephone – Revised tariff sheet for exchange and network
re: HB 128