

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-1-31**

Date Prepared: January 27, 2000
For Work Week Commencing: January 31, 2000
Business Meeting: January 31, 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. D99.7.180 – IBEW v. MPC – To discuss/act (2/1/00)
2. MPC – EWR billing options – Discuss draft letter from the PSC to EWR customers (2/1/00)
3. D97.7.90 – MPC Electric Restructuring – Discuss/Act on request for interim rate reduction to reflect generation sale (2/1/00)
4. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights – Discussion, direction, and action on draft order (2/1/00)
5. Line Sharing – To discuss initiating a docket that requires USWC to unbundle the high frequency portion of loops (2/1/00)
6. NCRUCE's 2001 annual meeting – To consider "hosting" the 2001 convention (2/1/00)

7. Out-of-cycle meetings and work session request forms – Further discussion on scheduling and noticing out-of-cycle meetings and format of work session request form (2/1/00)

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 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. USWEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N2000.1.7 (Leroy)

On January 12, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-02 "ISDN PRS Promotion". During the promotional period from February 8, 2000 through April 28, 2000, business customers who subscribe to a 3 Year Rate Stabilized Agreement for ISDN Primary Rate Service will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charges associated with T-1 facilities, Service Configuration and ISDN trunk connections. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to August 1, 2000 where service is technically feasible and facilities are available.

5. 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.

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 COMMUNICATION, INC., Docket No. N2000.1.10 (Dave)

On January 21, 2000, AT&T Communications, Inc., filed Tariff Transmittal 2000-02 requesting a modification to AT&T Digital Link ("ADL") Local Service Area language, introduces a new mileage band structure and increases several ADL rates. AT&T proposes these rates become

effective February 22, 2000.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-2-7

MCI WorldCom, Inc. ,D99.12.280

(Scott)

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2000.1.10 – AT&T – Tariff filing modifies ADL language; intro new mileage band structure & increase several ADL rates
- D2000.1.11 – USWC – Petition for declaratory rulings
- D2000.1.12 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Request for waiver related to gas pipeline safety regulations
- D2000.1.13 – Energy Northwest – Tariff revisions
- D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Telephone tariffs – rates, terms & conditions for reciprocal compensation re: 47 USC sec. 251(b)(5) and sec. 6903-834(2)(b) MCA
- D2000.1.15 – Citizens/InterBel – Application for approval of interconnection agreement