

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-03-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 20, 2000  
Business Meeting: March 20, 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. D97.7.90 – Montana Power Company – Reinstitute a procedural schedule and hearing date for Tier 2 (3/20/00)
2. D99.8.176 – Montana Power Company – MPC gas case – Further PSC discussion on 2-29-00 settlement presentation, direction and action as necessary (3/20/00)
3. D99.11.247 – Montana Power Company – MPC gas tracker – Discussion, direction, or action in regard to vacating further proceedings and issuing interim order as final order (3/20/00)
4. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water – Complaints on adequacy of service – Update on status of CHWC service quality, status of water district, discussion, direction, and action on service quality complaint (3/20/00)

5. N2000.3.32 – CenturyTel Promotions – Direction on request (3/20/00)
6. D2000.1.15 – Citizens/Interbel – Application for approval of interconnection agreement (3/20/00)
7. D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers – Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop, application for ETC in Wibaux – To discuss and act on stipulation and further procedures required or on objection to data requests (3/20/00)
8. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Reciprocal Comp. Tariff Filing – To act on motion for protective order from Ronan, and on Montana Wireless motion for interim “bill and keep” (3/20/00)
9. D2000.2.27 – Ronan Telephone – Complaint v. Clark Fork Telephone – To act on RTC’s motion for “immediate emergency order” (3/20/00)
10. USWC – PSC certification of USWC to FCC for USF support – Further discussion and action on PSC certification of USWC to the FCC for receipt of universal service funds (3/20/00)
11. USWC – Permanent UNE Pricing – To consider a draft notice to start docket (3/20/00)

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. MONTANA POWER COMPANY D97.7.90 (DENISE)

On February 22, 2000, Big Sky Power LLC filed a Notice of Withdrawal as Intervenor in the Tier 2 proceeding. On the same day, Montana Food Distributors Association and Big Sky Power LLC filed a Motion for Substitution of Intervenor Parties. Big Sky Power is discontinuing business in Montana. The movants requested that the Commission allow the substitution of the Distributors Association, as one of two members of Big Sky Power, because the association wishes to continue as an intervenor in the case

**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. CENTURYTEL OF MONTANA Docket N2000.3.32 (LEROY)

On March 7, 2000, CenturyTel of Montana filed Tariff Advice No. 2000-03 to introduce promotional offerings in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when residential or single line business customers subscribe to an additional residential or business line at the same address. If approved, the promotion is to run from April 17, 2000 through July 1, 2000.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N2000.3.34 (Scott)

On March 8, 2000, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-7 a promotional offering to Montana customers. In this filing U S West customers subscribing too ISDN single line service with a minimum one year contract will receive one month of free service. The promotional period for this offering is to run from April 3, 2000 through June 3, 2000.

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

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. N2000.3.33 (Eric)

On March 8, 2000, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-06 for approval of its proposed "Additional Line Promotion" which is to run from March 27, 2000 through May 5, 2000. During the promotional period residential customers who order an additional flat-rated line will receive a waiver of 50 percent of the nonrecurring charge associated with installation. The offer is limited to two additional lines.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2000.3.35 – Montana Wireless, Inc. – Application for approval of interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement  
N2000.3.36 – Pathnet, Inc. – Regarding necessity of tariff filing