

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-05-01**

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Business Meeting: May 1, 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 sale of utility and related divisions - Placeholder
2. Interim Line Sharing – Discuss procedural options. A brief summary of the agreement will be provided (5/2/00)
3. D99.8.200 – USWC – The merger of USWC and Quest Communications – To discuss and seek direction on final order (5/2/00)
4. D99.12.277 & D96.11.200 – USWC – UNE Deaveraging – To act on data request objections (5/2/00)
5. N2000.2.20 – USWC – Anticipated 271 Filing – State Collaborative (non-OSS issues) – Placeholder
6. D2000.3.39 – DG Architects, Billings – D&G Architects applied March 13, 2000 for a variance to install a master meter on a housing project for people with disabilities, to be built in Lewistown. The savings would be about \$3500. (5/4/00)

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. CUT BANK GAS COMPANY Docket D2000.4.55 (LEROY)

On April 13, 2000, Cut Bank Gas Company requested authority to increase rates to its customers in order to reflect all cost increases granted to the Montana Power Company in Docket D99.8.176, Order No. 6197c.

2. MCI Telecommunications Corporation, N2000.4.56 (Scott)

On April 7, 2000, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal letter No. 99-24 proposing revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. MCI is requesting to increase the existing directory assistance rate to \$1.49 and to add a \$0.10 per minute charge to the directory assistance section for directory assistance calls made by non-MCI customers and completed by a directory assistance operator.

**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. MCI Telecommunications Corporation, N2000.4.60 (Scott)

On April 21, 2000, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal letter No. 99-26 proposing revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. MCI is requesting the following revisions: to Change the name of MCI Everyday Savings to MCI Everyday Classic; To grandfather MCI Everyday Classic; to introduce MCI Everyday Savings; To add a new card rate to the Basic Calling Plan Option 2; to introduce MCI One Savings Calling Card Plan; To re-instate the Calling Card Plan for MCI One Advantage, MCI Everyday Classic and MCI Everyday Plus; To make formatting changes;

to reduce the Calling Card per minute peak rate to \$.07 for MCI Everyday Plus; and to introduce a new Calling Card pricing structure for MCI Anytime.

2. MONTANA POWER COMPANY Docket D97.7.90 (Will)

On April 13, 2000, Montana Power Company filed Tariff Letter No. 58-E asking to clarify the Universal System Benefits Charge tariff. Section 69-8-402, MCA states that a large customer shall pay a USBC equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or 0.9 mills per kwh times total kwh consumption. The Commission approved a USBC tariff which specifies a rate of 0.9 mills per kwh for GS-1 and GS-2 customers with demand greater than 1,000 KW. MPC proposes to specify that irrigation customers with demand greater than 1,000 KW will also pay a USBC equal to 0.9 mills per kwh.

3. REGIONAL SERVICES - Docket D2000.3.39 (Joel)

On March 15, 2000, Regional Services of Billings filed a request for a waiver from the electric master meter rule 38.5.1602. This waiver will allow Regional Services to construct a disabled person apartment complex in Lewistown at a reduced cost savings. This will be for action next week.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-05-08**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D2000.4.57 – USWC – USWC/essential.com resale agreement
- D2000.4.58 – USWC – USWC/Rhythms interconnection agreement
- N2000.4.59 – Klabzuba Oil & Gas – Application for gas suppliers license
- N2000.4.60 – MCI WORLDCOM – Tariff 99-26 revisions
- N2000.4.61 – USWC – Tariff 00-17 and 00-PLT01 Clarification of Customer Payment Options – Partial Rule Waiver – Electronic billing
- N2000.4.62 – USWC – Tariff 00-AC01 CleanUp filing – Allow change in Bulk Bill Factor mid-quarter