

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-05-08**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 8, 2000
Business Meeting: May 8, 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. Discuss MPC Sale – Placeholder – (05/09/00)
2. N2000.4.59 – Klabzuba Oil & Gas – Application for Natural Gas Supplier License – Issuance of Protective order (05/09/00)
3. D2000.4.50 – Marathon Ashland Pipeline – Rate Increase Application – Discussion/Action (05/09/00)
4. D99.10.243 – Energy West Montana – EWM 1999 Tracker – Discussion and action on MCC objections to EWM data responses, other matters as necessary (05/09/00)
5. D99.4.86 – Fairmont Hot Springs – Establish Initial Water Rates – Discussion and Decision (05/09/00)
6. MT-WY-SD Regional 706 Joint Conference Hearing – Provide information and status of Montana and Wyoming 706 hearing scheduled for June 21 and June 23 (05/09/00)

7. D99.8.200 – Qwest/US West – merger – approve final order (05/08/00)
8. D2000.5.63 – Ronan Telephone – Complaint by Ronan v Blackfoot et al – To get approval to notice the complaint and to update as necessary (05/09/00)
9. L-99.6.7-RUL – PSC fee rules – prehearing discussion as necessary, if necessary (05/09/00)
10. L-99.6.6-RUL – protective order rules – prehearing discussion, as needed, if needed (05/09/00)

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. 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. This is for action.
2. 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.

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. US WEST Docket No. N2000.4.61 (Dave)

On April 26, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-17 and 00-PLT01, "Clarification of Customer Payment Options and Partial Rule Waiver-Electronic Billing". US WEST said this filing was made to meet the needs of many customers who find it more convenient to pay their monthly telephone bill by credit card or by automatic electronic funds transfer. This filing clarifies the terms and conditions relating to customers payment options and the application of a charge of \$11.80 for payments returned for insufficient funds or on a closed account. In addition, US WEST has requested a partial waiver of Rule 38.5.3332(1)(a) ARM, which requires "typed or machine-printed bills". This waiver is only for those customers who choose to receive an electronic bill. The electronic bill will be in the same format as the printed paper bill and will contain all of the information required by Commission rule.

2. US WEST Communications, N2000.4.62 (Scott)

On April 26, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-AC01. US West is requesting to revise language regarding modification of bulk Bill CCL at times other than the end of a quarter. The current tariff language only allows change at the end of a quarter. In order to avoid future conflicts, the language is being requested to be modified.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-05-15

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2000.5.63 – Ronan Telephone Co – Ronan v Blackfoot Telephone –
Complaint
D2000.5.64 – InterBel Cooperative Inc. – Petition for designation as eligible
telecommunications carrier
N2000.5.65 – MCI – Tariff 99-27 Introduce calling card plan for MCI One savings
Calling Card