

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-08-28**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 28, 2000  
Business Meeting: August 28, 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 – Placeholder – (8/29/00)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – MPC electric restructuring transition plan – Discuss MPC request for expedited review of Letters of Intent to buyout certain QF contracts (8/29/00)
3. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Tariff Filing for Reciprocal Compensation Rates – To address Motion in Limine and Motion to Strike Portions of Prefiled Testimony filed by Montana Wireless. Also to address other preliminary matters as may be necessary prior to the hearing on 8/31 and to answer Commissioner questions (8/29/00)
4. D2000.5.70 – Section 271 collaborative – To authorize a change to the second workshop date, and to consider other procedural matters as may be necessary. Also, to update the Commission on the course of the collaborative (8/29/00)

5. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – Qwest Pricing Docket – To address Qwest's objections to PSC data request 40(a), (b) and (c) (8/29/00)
6. D2000.1.11 – Qwest/Citizens – Sale of exchanges – Discuss and act on whether to vacate the hearing date of September 7, 2000 (8/29/00)
7. D2000.2.21 – Qwest – Competitive Response Tariff – To act on a motion for protective order anticipated soon (8/29/00)

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. Customer Carpets/U S WEST Docket No. D99.4.89 (Robin)

On August 2, 2000, the Commission issued Proposed Order No. 6224 in this docket. The proposed order has been circulated electronically. No exceptions, briefs or requests for oral argument have been received. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed order as its final order in this docket.

2. Avista Communications, Inc. Docket No. D2000.2.19 (Robin)

On February 25, 2000 the Commission issued "Order on Petition for Temporary Suspension of Duty Under 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2)[local number portability]" (Order No. 6231) in this docket. A "Notice of Petition, Notice of Opportunity to Intervene, Notice of Opportunity to Comment" was issued on March 8, 2000. No requests for intervention or comments were filed. On August 21 the petitioner, Avista Communications, filed a "Notice of Petition Withdrawal." Avista no longer needs a temporary suspension of its obligation to provide local number portability. The Commission issued documents referred to above have been circulated electronically for Commissioner review as background. The Avista notice has been circulated. Recommend vacating Order No. 6231 and closing this docket.

**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. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-09-05**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N2000.8.123 – CenturyTel – Tariff to implement expanded Lifeline/LinkUp discounts for residents to tribal lands
- D2000.8.124 – Touch America – Touch America petition for arbitration
- D2000.8.125 – Cooke City/Silver Gate/Coulter – Application for EAS
- D2000.8.126 – Qwest Corp – Qwest/CCMT interconnection, resale, and unbundled elements agreement
- D2000.8.127 – Qwest Corp – Qwest/DPI Teleconnect application for approval of resale agreement
- N2000.8.128 – Zone Telecom Inc – Zone/Furst Group application for assignment of assets