

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-08-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 19, 2002  
Business Meeting: August 20, 2002, 9:00 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.

1. D2001.12.156 – Montana Power Company/NorthWestern Energy – Gas Cost Tracker – Discussion and Direction on Third Interim Order
2. D2001.7.98 – Clark Fork Telecommunications – Amendment to Non-Rate Access Tariffs – Discussion, Action on Motion to Suspend Proceedings. (08/20/02)
3. FCC DD 96-45 – Western Wireless – Petition to FCC for ETC Status Crow Reservation – Update, Discussion, Direction. (08/20/02)
4. Montana PSC/Mongolia Exchange – Discuss Participants for September 29- October 5 Exchange. (08/20/02)
5. PSC – Electronic Filing Rule – Discussion and Direction on Internal Implementation of PSC's New Electronic Filing Rule. (08/20/02)

**Other Meetings**

9:00 a.m. D2000.5.63 – Ronan v Blackfoot – (Bollinger Room, Helena, MT)  
(Tentative)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications                      N2002.7.94                      (Scott)

Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-AC03 on July 23, 2002. In this filing Qwest is requesting revisions to Section 6 & 15 of Qwest's Montana Access Service Tariff. This filing adds Universal Service Order Code (USOCs) to various existing transport elements. These USOCs are being added to bring USOCs in the state access tariff in alignment with those in the FCC Tariff #1. Among the Sections added was Section 16, Switched Access Service – Pricing Flexibility. There are no rate changes proposed with the listing of these additional USOCs in this filing and there is neither rate impact on customers nor revenue impact to Qwest.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-August 27**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D2002.8.101 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change
- D2002.8.102 – M & W Investments – Application for Initial Sewer & Water Rates
- D2002.8.103 – Energy West – Monthly Gas Cost Tracking Application