

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-10-22**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 21, 2002  
Business Meeting: October 22, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. FERC SMD NOPR, Request for Comments. (10/22/02)
2. Placeholder for Discussion of Legal/Policy Issues Regarding the Possible or Pending Transfer of Control of Ownership of NorthWestern Energy Transmission Assets, and Other Transmission Issues as Necessary. (10/22/02)
3. D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind – Application for QF Rates and Conditions. (10/22/02)
4. Private Contractors – Utility Appliance Merchandising and Servicing. (10/22/02)
5. D2002.5.59 – MDU – Gas General Rate Case. (10/22/02)
6. D97.2.19; D99.3.68; D2001.1.7; D2000.11.196 – Qwest – Previously Unfiled Interconnection Agreements. (10/22/02)

7. D2001.9.124; D2002.7.91; D2002.7.83; D2002.7.84; D2002.6.67; D2002.6.75; D2002.6.74; D2002.6.68; D2002.4.48; D2002.7.95 – Qwest and: C12; Excel Telecom; GANCO; ICG Telecom; Sprint Spectrum; Wireless of MT; NOW Communications; Level 3; Montana Wireless (Blackfoot); and Centel – Interconnection Agreements. (10/22/02)
8. PSC – Interconnection Agreements: Rulemaking. (10/22/02)
9. PSC – Telecommunications Service Standards. (10/22/02)
10. D2001.11.147 – EAS in General, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative – EAS Procedures, EAS between Musselshell Exchange and Billings EAS Region. (10/22/02)
11. D2000.5.63; D2000.1.14 – Ronan – Ronan-Blackfoot Settlement Agreement. (10/22/02)

### **Other Meetings**

**10/22/02 – 1:30 p.m. – Forum on Electric Restructuring Issue  
Bollinger Room – Helena PSC**

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                      N2002.9.121                      (LEROY)

On September 24, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-24, Business Product Save Offer Promotion Price List Revisions Notification. Business customers who request to have Business Caller ID Name and Number and/or Caller Identification Number disconnected, and after having been informed of the products benefits, may be offered a 25% product discount for the next three months in the form of a credit(s) to their next three bills, if they agree to retain the product(s). The promotional period will commence on date of Commission approval and run through December 21, 2002

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1. Qwest Communications No. N2002.9.113 (Scott)

On September 5, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-26 ISDN Single Line Promotion. In this filing Qwest is requesting that customers subscribing to ISDN single line service under a one, two, three or five year rate stability agreement will receive a waiver of non-recurring charges and a \$55 credit against monthly recurring charges on their first telephone bill after installation. Contracts must be signed by December 27, 2002. The customer requested installation date may be no later than February 25, 2003.

2. Central Montana Communications N2002.10.124 (Scott)

On October 11, 2002, Central Montana Communications filed changes in its tariffs. Central Montana Communications is requesting that the nonrecurring rate for 1+900 and/or 1+800 blocks has been increased from \$8.68 to \$10.00 the nonrecurring charge of \$10.00 will also apply to the removal of other blocks such as call trace, continuous redial and last call return. These changes will more accurately reflect the actual coast of the removal, as well as aide in administrative ease.

3. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2002.10.125 (LEROY)

On October 15, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-29, Introduction of 3 Year Rate Stabilized Term for Qwest Business Line Plus (QBLP). Qwest Business Line Plus is a package of three features available to business customers in conjunction with an individual or additional flat rate access line. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to the following three standard features: Call Forwarding – Variable; Call Transfer and Three-way calling. This filing is designed to allow customers another term when selecting QBLP by making a 3-year rate stabilized term available. In addition, the tariff language is being revised to allow verbal commitments by customers to the rate stabilized plans (RSP). Customers selecting a RSP will be sent a written confirmation outlining the features, terms and rates of the RSP the customer selected. Qwest is requesting a November 14, 2002 effective date for this additional option.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-10-29**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2002.10.124 – Central MT Communciations – Modified Tariffs

N2002.10.125 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 02-29 – Introduction of 3 Year Rate Stabilized Term for Qwest Business Line Plus

D2002.10.126 – GoInternet.net – Federal Complaint of Federal Transtel, ILD Telecommunications, and Enhanced Services Billing

D2002.10.127 – Qwest – Contract between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Incorporated

D2002.10.128 – Qwest – Contract between Qwest Communications Corporation and McLeodUSA Incorprated