

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-11-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 11, 2002  
Business Meeting: November 14, 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. D2002.7.93 – Default Procurement Guidelines
2. Repeal of HB 474
3. SMD NOPR
4. D2000.1.3, D2002.6.67, D2001.9.124, D2000.2.24, D2001.1.7, D2001.6.75, D2001.7.87, D2002.1.6 – Qwest and: TW Wireless, Sprint Spectrum, CI2, 3 Rivers Fiber Optic, McLeodUSA, 1-800 RECONEX, NOS Communications, Sprint Communications Company – Interconnection Agreements and Amendments to Interconnection Agreements

**Other Meetings**

**9:00 a.m. November 15, 2002 D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind  
(Bollinger Room)**

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 Communication No. N2002.9.118 (Scott)

On September 17, 2002 Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 02-AC05. Qwest is proposing to add a new service for interexchange carriers called Managed Long Distance (MLD) Service. MLD is a wholesale platform service offered by Qwest to IXC's to monitor and control long distance spending of end-user customers. MLD will provide limited 1+ direct dialing access to end user customers that are credit challenged. End user customers will have a spending limit of \$20.00 per month with their choice of participating carriers. Qwest will assess to carriers a charge of \$.07 per minute of use. Each IXC will establish their own specific charges to be assessed to end user customers.

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1. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2002.11.138 (Eric)

On November 4, 2002, MDU applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$750,000,000 of long-term financing in the following amounts: (1) the issuance of not to exceed \$750,000,000 of the Company's Common Stock; (2) the issuance not to exceed \$112,500,000 of the Company's Preferred Stock and/or Preferred Stock A; (3) the issuance of not to exceed \$262,500,000 of the Company's secured debt securities; (4) the issuance of not to exceed \$262,500,000 of stock purchase contracts; and (5) the issuance of not to exceed \$262,500,000 of hybrid securities such as convertible or unconvertible preferred securities, puttable or callable

instruments. The Company seeks the flexibility to vary the maximum issuance amounts for each type of security so long as the aggregate issuance amount of all securities does not exceed \$750,000,000. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development including the acquisition of businesses or business assets and for other general corporate purposes.

2. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2002.11.139 (Eric)

On November 4, 2002, MDU applied for authority to issue up to \$125,000,000 of Promissory Notes and Commercial Paper. The requested authorization covers a two-year period ending December 31, 2004. Proceeds from the issuance will be used to fund the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development purposes and for other general corporate purposes.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-11-19**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2002.10.130 – PSC – Proposed Sale by NorthWestern Energy of Certain Transmission Assets

D2002.10.132 – Triangle Telephone and Central Montana Communications for Establishment of Extended Areas of Service – Havre, Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, and Great Falls

D2002.11.133 – Energy West – Monthly Gas Tracker

D2002.11.134 – Big Mountain Water Co. – Proposed Water Rate Increase

D2002.11.135 – Yellowstone Pipeline Co. – Proposed MT Tariff PSC No. 38

D2002.11.136 – Front Range Pipeline – MPSC Tariff No. 14

D2002.11.137 – Cenex Pipeline – MPSC Tariff No. 20

D2002.11.138 – MDU Resources – Application for Authorization to Issue Securities

D2002.11.139 – MDU Resources – Application for Authority to Issue up to \$125,000,000 of Promissory Notes and/or Commercial Paper