**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
**UTILITY DIVISION**
**AGENDA NO. 03-04-08**

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Business Meeting: April 8, 2003, 9:30 a.m.

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

1. D2002.12.153 – Qwest – Protective Order Request by Qwest: Status of Pro Hac Vice Application. (04/08/03)

2. Ronan Telephone Company – Reciprocal Compensation. (04/08/03)

3. D2001.11.147 – Mid-Rivers – Billings EAS for Musselshell Exchange. (04/08/03)

4. D2001.12.173 – Espeland Resort Properties LLC dba Fairmont RV Park. (04/08/03)

5. D2002.9.120 – EWM – General Gas Rate Case. (04/08/03)

6. Legislative/Budget. (04/08/03)

7. PSC Proceedings. (04/08/03)

**Other Meetings**
**4/7/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget**
**4/7/03 – Discuss Interview Process and Questions for Utility Division Administrator Position (Following Legislative/Budget)**
**4/9/03 – 8:30 am – 9:15 am Interview (Closed Meeting)**
**4/9/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget**
**4/10/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget**
**4/10/03 – (Following Legislative/Budget) D2003.4.46 – PSC's Implementation of the FCC's Triennial Review Order**
**4/11/03 – 9:00 am Center to Bridge the Digital Divide Montana Visit**
**4/14/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget**
**4/14/03 – 10:30 am – 4:00 pm – Utility Division Administrator Interviews (Closed Meeting)**

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:00 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, INC. N2003.3.36 (Leroy)

   On March 24, Qwest Communications filed Tariff transmittal 03-07, Grandfather Certain Consumer Packages. Qwest's objective is to simplify the packaged offerings for residential customers. It is Qwest's intent to make the ValueChoice and PreferredChoice packages the "flagship" packaged for residential customers. Qwest proposes to grandfather CustomChoice, CustomChoice on an Additional Line, MontanaChoice, PopularChoice, Two-Line PopularChoice, CustomChoice Complete, Two-Line CustomChoice Complete, SelectPak and the additional line packages: Fax Package, Teen/Roommate Package and Home Office Package. Customers will be allowed to retain their packages as long as they remain at the same location for the same customer. Where applicable, customers will be allowed to add or delete features within their package and will be able to add additional features on an a-la-carte basis without losing the "grandfather" status. The changes are being proposed in all in-region Qwest jurisdictions. All customers who have one of the existing packages will be notified of Qwest's intent by bill insert in their March bills. Customers who subscribe to the additional line packages will be sent a postcard around March 28 2003 advising them of Qwest's intent to grandfather their package. Qwest is requesting a May 5, 2003 effective date.

2. CenturyTel N2003.3.33 (Scott)

On March 18, 2003, CenturyTel file transmittal No. 03-03. The purpose of this filing is to add a new packaged service called Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. In addition, a new custom calling feature called Privacy Protector is being added to the Custom Calling Section and as a feature of Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. CenturyTel is requesting that this tariff become effective April 17, 2003.

3. MCI Telecommunications Corporation Docket No. N2003.3.35 (Scott)

On March 20, 2003, MCI filed transmittal Letter No. 03-05. The purpose of this filing is: 1) to allow MCI to make textual change to Prism Plus, stating the actual calling card surcharge that refers to the FCC, 2) to revise customer's eligibility of Integrated service discount promotion, and 3) to introduce Integrated Promotion 2 and Integrated Service Prepaid Card.

4. AT&T Communications Docket No. N2003.3.37 (Scott)

On March 21, 2003, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2003-06. In this filing AT&T is revising language pertaining to the Local Exchange Service Billing Dispute. AT&T is requesting that the customer is responsible for providing written notification to the Company of any charges in dispute and the specific basis of such dispute.

**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.

1. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC N2003.3.38 (Leroy)

On March 28, 2003, Central Montana Communications, Inc. submitted for approval, tariff's increasing the charge for directory assistance from $0.40 per

call to $0.70 per call. They are requesting upon approval by Commission an effective date.

2. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. N2003.3.39 (Leroy)

On March 28, 2003, Sprint Communications Company, LP filed PSC Price List No.1 Revision # 190. The purpose of the filing is to Introduce Monthly Calling Plan and PayPal Plan, Introduce Sprint/Costco Prepaid PhoneCard, Increase Sprint Retail Prepaid Calling Card Option O (Costco) Payphone Surcharge, and for miscellaneous text changes. Sprint is requesting an effective date for the tariffs of April 4, 2003.

3. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.4.43 (Leroy)

On March 31, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages for Commission review and approval. The purpose of the filing is to (1) Introduce Frontier Choices Bundled Services for residential customers, (2) Grandfather Citizens Select and Citizens Select Plus and (3) Launch a promotion involving Frontier Choices. Frontier Choices Bundled Services is a new offering that affords residential customers a combination of local services and features. Frontier Choices Bundled Services replace Citizens Select and Citizens Select Plus Services. A promotional offering waiving the nonrecurring charges for existing residential customers who order a Frontier Choices Bundled Service and in addition, existing customers who order a Frontier Choices Bundled Service will receive a $10.00 credit on their first months bill is planned for the period between May 6, 2003 and August 3, 2003. The promotion is offered only where technically available. Citizens is requesting a May 6, 2003 effective date.

4. AT&T Communications N2003.3.40 (Scott)

On March 27, 2003, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2003-07. In this filing AT&T is grandfathering IntraLATA Overlay plan OCP8Q/CAYOA, and introduces AT &T IntraLATA Overlay II plan CPMLA.

5. AT&T Communications N2003.3.41 (Scott)

On March 27, 2003, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2003-08. In this filing AT&T is making text changes to its Montana Consumer Communications Service Descriptions-Outbound tariff by removing the reference to AT&T broadband.

6. Qwest Communications N2003.4.44 (Scott)

On March 31, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-08 Uniform Access Solution (USA), Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) Rate reduction. Qwest is proposing permanent reduced bulk rates for new customers for DSS, UAS and ISDN for 3 and 5 year options. In addition, 1 and 2 year option are introduced. The bulk rated prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, installation and with ISDN PRS it also includes the service configuration. In addition, the migration waiver offering to customers migrating from Analog PBX Trunk Service to Rate Stability Plan DSS, UAS or PRS would be changed to the following:

1 Year RSP – one month monthly recurring charge credit, zero nonrecurring charge transition.
2 year RSP- two months monthly recurring charge credit, zero nonrecurring charge transition.
3 year RSP- three months monthly recurring charge credit, zero nonrecurring charge transition.
5 year RSP- three months monthly recurring charges credit, zero nonrecurring charge transition.

Finally, Qwest is proposing a charge to move an existing customer's T1 within the same central office and outside the current central office for DSS and UAS. The proposed rate is $500.00 for the move within the same central office and $1000.00 for a move outside the current central office. Qwest is requesting an April 28, 2003 effective date.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-04-15**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2003.3.38 – Central Montana Communications – Tariff Changes Section 27 – Directory Assistance Service
N2003.3.39 – Sprint – Tariff Revision in Price List
N2003.3.40 – AT&T – Tariff Transmittal 2003-07 – Grandfathers the AT&T IntraLATA Overlay Plan & Introduces AT&T IntraLATA Overlay II Plan
N2003.3.41 – AT&T – Tariff Transmittal 2003-08 – Removes Reference to AT&T Broadband
N2003.3.42 – Black Hills Power – Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
N2003.4.43 – Citizens – Frontier Choices (Tariffs)
N2003.4.44 – Qwest – TT 03-08 – UAS, DSS, ISDN PRS Rate Reduction
D2003.4.45 – Qwest – Ongoing Section 271 Compliance Monitoring of Qwest Corporation
D2003.4.46 – PSC Implementation of the FCC's Triennial Review