

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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Commission Meeting: June 26, 2003, 1:15 p.m.

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1:15 p.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

1:30 p.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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

1. CENTURYTEL N2003.6.72 (Leroy)

On June 9, 2003 CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 03-05 to add a promotional schedule and five new promotions. The company wishes to promote Caller ID, Simple Choice, Digitrex and Second Lines. The promotions are scheduled to run from August 1 through August 30, 2003. CenturyTel is requesting a July 8, 2003 effective date.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2002.6.64 (Will)

On May 23, 2003, NorthWestern Energy filed to adjust residential and irrigation customer rate credits related. The rate credit amount is derived

from the amount of monetary benefits NWE receives on behalf of its residential and small farm customer from the Bonneville Power Administration under the terms of a settlement of the Residential Exchange provisions of the Northwest Power Act.

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

1. D2003.4.47 – Ronan – CenturyTel Tariff Filing. (6/26/03)
2. D2001.11.147 – Mid-Rivers – Musselshell Exchange Billings-Region EAS. (6/26/03)
3. D2002.10.126 – PSC – Unauthorized Charges on Telephone Bills (Cramming Complaints). (6/26/03)
4. Qwest – Multi-State Collaborative to review Qwest's Performance Indicator definitions (PIDs). (6/26/03)
5. N2003.5.65 – NorthWestern Energy – Proposed Amendments to Electric Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures Tariff to Conform to Requirements of HB 509. (6/26/03)
6. D2002.11.140 and D2003.6.66 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002/2003 Gas Tracker and 2003/2004 Gas Tracker. (6/26/03)
7. D2002.11.134 – Big Mountain Water – Rate Increase / Stipulation. (6/26/03)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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<http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Communications N2003.6.80 (Scott)

On June 17, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-AC01, Modification of intrastate jurisdictional reporting requirements for switched access traffic. The proposed access tariff will allow signaling customers who purchase out of the intrastate access tariff to self report, in addition to their Percent Interstate Usage (PIU), a Percent Other Message (POM) that will further categorize intrastate signaling messages that transverse Qwest signaling network. With this change, some signaling customers who purchase out of the intrastate access tariff will see, going forward a reduction in their intrastate signaling message expense to Qwest. Qwest is requesting an effective date of July 21, 2003.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2003.6.77 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Default Supply Tracker Filing
- N2003.6.78 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-15 – Federal Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Credit Increase
- D2003.6.79 Qwest – Application for an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Akili Investments dba Platinum Corporation
- N2003.6.80 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-AC01, Modification of Intrastate Jurisdictional Reporting Requirements for Switched Access Traffic