

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-07-22**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 21, 2003
Commission Meeting: July 22, 2003, 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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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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

1. Qwest Communications Docket No. N2003.7.90 (Scott)

On July 3, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-18, Introduction of Public Access Line (PAL) Fraud Protection. This filing introduces PAL-specific Fraud Protection USOCs at a reduced recurring/non-recurring rate and is being made at this time to comply with FCC Order No. 02-025 which provided a new service test for PAL services that lowers associated PAL rates. Qwest is requesting an effective date of July 28, 2003.

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

1. D2003.6.84 – Lincoln Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – EAS Petition.
 (7/22/03)

2. Touch America Bankruptcy – Discussion – Placeholder Work Session. (7/22/03)
3. D2002.11.140 and D2003.6.66 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002/2003 Gas Tracker and 2003/2004 Gas Tracker. (7/22/03)

Other Meetings

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

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1. AT&T Communications (Scott)

On July 10, 2003, AT &T filed Tariff Transmittal 2003-12. In this filing AT &T is revising language and rates pertaining to AT &T Digital Link service.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2003.7.90 (Will)

On July 9, 2003, NorthWestern Energy filed revised tariffs which modify the terms under which irrigation customers may receive rate credits related to BPA's residential exchange program. The revised definition implements BPA's Customer Load Eligibility Guidelines.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2003.7.92 – AT&T – Tariff Transmittal 2003-12
 D2003.7.93 – Energy West – Monthly Gas Cost Tracking Application
 D2003.7.94 – CenturyTel – House Bill 337 Line Moving Charges
 D2003.7.95 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change
 N2003.7.96 – NorthWestern Energy BPA Residential Exchange Credit Definitions
 D2003.7.97 – NorthWestern Energy - Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment