

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-08-19**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 18, 2003  
Commission Meeting: August 19, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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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. Sprint Communications, N2003.7.98 (Scott)

On July 17, 2003, Sprint filed changes to its current price list. In this filing Sprint is introducing Sprint/CVS prepaid phone card, Sprint/CVS Mexico Surcharge Prepaid PhoneCard, Sprint Minute Prepaid PhoneCard III, Sprint/MGI Closeouts Prepaid PhoneCard, and Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All Day V, VI and VII. Sprint is also requesting to Grandfather Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All day II and make miscellaneous text change.

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

1. **8/18/03 9:00 am – D2003.8.111 – MBIA Insurance Corporation – NWE FERC ES03044-000**
2. **8/18/02 9:00 am – MCC’s Comments to FERC in Dockets EL01-118-000 & EI-01-118-001**
3. D2003.4.47 – CenturyTel – Tariff Filing. (8/19/03)
4. D2002.12.153 – Qwest Long Distance – Tariff Discussion. (8/19/03)
5. D2003.2.21 – NorthWestern Energy/Vigilante Electric Cooperative – Exclusive Service Agreement, Whitehall and Divide Service Areas. (8/19/03)
6. D2002.7.80, D2002.6.63, D2003.7.86, & Others – NorthWestern Energy – 2002 and 2003 Qualifying Facilities Matters. (8/19/03)
7. Possible Intervention at FERC – Discussion (8/19/03)
8. D2003.8.109 – Montana Consumer Counsel - Investigation of NorthWestern Energy’s Financial Condition and Transactions with Affiliates and Creditors. (8/19/03)
9. Joint Petitioners Energy Share, Large Customer Group, and Montana Consumer Counsel – Petition Requesting MPSC Direct NorthWestern energy to Segregate Universal Systems Benefits Funds. (8/19/03)
10. D2002.11.140 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002/2003 Gas Tracker Discussion. (8/19/03)
11. D2003.4.50 – Energy West – Environmental Surcharge. (8/19/03)

**Other Meetings**

**9:00 a.m. (8/20/03) – D2002.7.80 – QFLT-1; STPP-1(Bollinger Room)**

**9:00 a.m. (8/21/03) – D2002.6.63 – QF-1 (Bollinger Room)**

**10:00 a.m. (8/22/03) – Bill Malcolm, MISO (Bollinger Room)**

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

**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. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.8.102 Leroy

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to introduce a special promotion beginning September 1, 2003 and ending October 15, 2003. Where available, existing residential who order Caller ID with Name, the nonrecurring installation/activation charge will be waived and the customer will also receive at no charge a Caller ID display unit having a retail value of \$20.00 or a credit of #3.95 equal to the value of the Caller ID with Name monthly recurring charge. If the customer does not subscribe to the service for at least 180 days, a subsequent reversing charge will apply.

2. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.8.103 Leroy

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to introduce a special promotion beginning September 1, 2003 and ending October 17, 2003. Where available, existing residential who order a Frontier Choices Bundled Service, the nonrecurring activation charge will be waived. In addition, existing residential customers who order Frontier Choices- Enhanced Line will receive a \$10.00 credit on their first month's bill and existing residential customers who order Frontier Choices – Enhanced Line with Second Line will receive a \$20.00 credit on their first month's bill.

3. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.8.104 Leroy

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to modify the Company's Frontier Choices service offering. With the proposed modification, new customers and existing customers moving to a new location will be given a non-recurring credit of \$10.00 if they order Frontier Choices when first obtaining service from Frontier or initiating a move order. Citizens are requesting a September 1, 2003 effective date.

4. MCI, N2003.7.99 (Scott)

On July 23, 2003, MCI filed Tariff Transmittal letter No. 03-11. In this filing MCI is making a price list change its Casual Caller section, Grandfather miscellaneous advanced options, Introduce miscellaneous advance Options, introduce a new Metered Use Service, Introduce a new Special Promotional Offering, and make textual change to Option FF(MCI Everyday Plus).

5. Sprint, N2003.8.107 (Scott)

On August 5, 2003, Sprint filed changes to its Montana PSC price list No. 1. The purpose of the filing is to: increase rates for Business Sense Dial-1 Toll Free, Increase rates for FONCARD Commitment Level, and Miscellaneous text change.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2003.8.101 – Havre Pipeline Company – 2003 Farmstead Rate Filing

N2003.8.102 – Citizens Telecommunications Company – Tariff Special Promotion

N2003.8.103 – Citizens Telecommunications Company – Tariff Special Promotion

N2003.8.104 – Citizens Telecommunications Company – Frontier Choices Service Change

D2003.8.105 – Cable and Communications Corporation dba Mid-Rivers Cellular – Petition for Designation as and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

D2003.8.106 – MPSC – Notice of Opportunity to Comment

N2003.8.107 – Sprint – Tariff Price List No. 1

D2003.8.108 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change

D2003.8.109 – Montana Consumer Counsel – Petition to Investigate

N2003.8.110 - MPSC Initiated – 2003 Operator Service provider Rate Caps

D2003.8.111 – MBIA Insurance Group – Petition Requesting that the MPSC file a Notice of Intervention and Intervene as of right in NorthWestern's Section 204 Proceeding, Docket No. ES03-44-000, Before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission