

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-10-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 13, 2003
Commission Meeting: October 14, 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. Qwest Communications Docket N2003.9.141 (Scott)

On September 29, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-28, Update 911 Tariff Language. The purpose of this filing is to change the Montana 911 Service Tariff to update the language for pricing mileage to host and remote end offices. The effect of this language is to reduce the mileage charges for customers since they will pay only to the host and not to the remote. Qwest is requesting a November 1, 2003 effective date for this tariff.

2. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.10.143 (Leroy)

On September 30, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-03-10 introducing FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions package offerings to business customers. The Small Business Solutions offers business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The Small Business Solutions will be offered to business customers only on a contractual basis over a one, two, or three year term. The customer may within 90 days of activating the service cancel their contract without incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service. The Company is requesting a November 7, 2003 effective date. Staff recommends approval.

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

1. D2003.1.14 – Western Wireless – Application for designation as an ETC in Montana Non-Rural (Qwest) Area. (10/14/03)
2. D2003.9.135 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Introduce the filing of integrated least cost plan and get action as necessary
3. Energy & Telecom Interim Committee's request for PSC legislative proposal(s) regarding transaction authority, etc. (10/14/03)
4. Rulemaking – bills or service rendered utility billing bases (10/14/03)
5. Matters related to NorthWestern Energy bankruptcy. (10/14/03)
6. **(10/14/03 10:00 a.m.)** Discussion of "Alternative Dispute Resolution" Policy
7. **(10/15/03 2:00 p.m.)** D2002.7.87 – Qwest – Obtain direction for final order in the wholesale cost docket.

Other Meetings

10/14/03 1:30 p.m. Qwest Informational Meeting (Bollinger Room)

10/15/03 8:30 a.m. BPA Transmission Presentation (Bollinger Room)

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

