

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-11-25**

Date Published: November 20, 2003
For Work Week Commencing: November 24, 2003
Commission Meeting: November 25, 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. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS N2003.11.159 (Leroy)

On November 6, 2003, AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2003-21, requesting to grandfather in the AT&T Simplified Plan and Revise the time period description for the AT&T Unlimited Sundays Plan. AT&T is requesting a December 6, 2003 effective date. Staff recommends approval.

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

1. D2003.5.62 – PSC – Triennial Review. (11/25/03)
2. D2002.12.153 – QLD – Tariff Transmittal. (11/25/03)
3. D2003.10.153 – Qwest - QCC Tariff. (11/25/03)
4. D2002.6.63 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Changes to QF-1 Tariff Schedule. (11/25/03)
5. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (11/25/03)

Other Meetings

11/25/03 1:30 p.m. Rules Hearing Filing Requirements - SB247 (Bollinger Room)

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

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2003.11.161 (Leroy)

On November 14, 2003 Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 03-32 to introduce Qwest Choice Home and Qwest Choice Business. Qwest Choice Home is a package of features available with an individual flat rate or

additional flat rate access line. The package will be rated at \$25.99. The Qwest Choice Two-line Home Package will be rated at \$40.99 Residence Customers will be provided with Line-backer and three other services and features. Additional features will be available on an a-la-carte basis of \$3.00 or less if the a-la-cart rate is less than \$3.00.

The Qwest Choice Business package will be provided with UniSTAR Service and are entitled to choose five services and features. Additional features are available at \$4.00 or less on an a-la-carte basis the package will be rated at \$39.99. The Qwest Choice Two-Line Business package will be rated at \$59.99. Qwest is requesting an effective date of December 15, 2003.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2003.11.161 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-32 – Introduce Qwest Choice Home and Qwest Choice Business

D2003.8.115 – NorthWestern Energy – December Monthly Electric Supply Cost Tracking Adjustment

D2003.7.97 – NorthWestern Energy – December Monthly Natural Gas Rate Adjustment

D2003.7.93 - Energy West – December Monthly Natural Gas Rate Adjustment