

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-04-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 12, 2004
Commission Meeting: April 13, 2004, 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. MCI Telecommunications N2004.3.48 (Scott)

On March 29, 2004, MCI Filed Tariff Transmittal 04-08. MCI is requesting to make textual changes to Basic Calling Plan DD, Basic Calling Plan EE and to correct administrative errors.

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

1. N2003.10.149 – Qwest – Qwest Tariff Transmittal 04-01. (4/13/04)

2. D2004.2.23, D2003.1.14, et al. (all pending ETC applications) – MITS and MTA - ETC “Public Interest” Rules and Motions for Stay of ETC Proceedings. (4/13/04)
3. D2003.12.153 and D2003.10.153 – Qwest – Draft Orders on Motions for Reconsideration. (4/13/04)
4. D2004.3.46, D2004.2.16, et al. – Energy West Montana (EMW) – General Rate Cases for Great Falls and West Yellowstone and Other Pending EWM Dockets. (4/13/04)
5. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (4/13/04)
6. 2005 Legislative Session – To get Commission Direction on Possible Legislation for the Upcoming Legislature. (4/13/04)
7. Budget / EPP / Travel. (4/13/04)

Other Meetings

4/12/04 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Basin Creek Purchase Agreement (Bollinger Room)

4/14/04 9:00 a.m. – Workshop – NorthWestern Energy’s Default Electricity Supply Resource Procurement Plan (Bollinger Room)

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 N2004.4.51 (Scott)

On March 31, 2004, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 04-05 ISDN PRS Promotion. Qwest is requesting a promotion for ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) customers who renew existing contracts, convert from month-to-month to contract pricing, migrate from Centrex, PBX, Uniform Access Solution (UAS) or Digital Switched Service (DSS) to PRS or return to Qwest will have a bulk rate for the 36 month period. This bulk price includes the DS1 Facility, common equipment, service configuration, and a maximum of 24 trunks. The promotion also includes a waiver of non-recurring charges. This promotion is available where it is technically feasible and where facilities are available. Contracts must be signed by July 23, 2004 and the customer requesting installation date may be no later than September 21, 2003. The promotion is scheduled to run from April 26, 2004, through July 23, 2004.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.4.50 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates in the State of Montana
N2004.4.51 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 04-05 ISDN PRS Promotion
D2004.4.52 – Hot Springs Telephone Company – Notice of Detariffed New Services and New Tariffed Services
N2004.4.53 – World Com, Inc. – Petition for Waiver
D2004.4.54 – CenturyTel – Updated Schedule for Rates Applicable to Moving Utility Wires and Poles in Compliance with House Bill No. 337