

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-05-25**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 24, 2004
Commission Meeting: May 25, 2004, 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.

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

1. FCC VOIP Rulemaking in FCC WC Docket 04-36. (5/25/04)
2. Inquiry into Matters Concerning Intercarrier Compensation. (5/25/04)
3. D2004.4.61 – Phantom Hills Water Company, Inc. – Application for Initial Rates. (5/25/04)

4. D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual Qualified Facility Avoided Cost with Additional Issues. (5/25/04)
5. D2004.2.21 – PSC Investigation of Electricity Market Activity Effecting Retail Customers during 2000-2001. (5/25/04)
6. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (5/25/04)

Other Meetings

5/24/04 – 1:00 p.m. – Governor’s Task Force (Capitol Room 102)

5/25/04 – 6:00 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Portfolio (Missoula)

5/26/04 – 9:00 a.m. – D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – Hearing (Bollinger Room)

5/27/04 – 9:00 a.m. – D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – Hearing (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 N2004.5.70 (Scott)

On May 12, 2004, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 04-8, Zero Quantity USOC Elimination. The purpose of this filing is to eliminate the USCO, LCS, which is a Centron 300 service optional feature circuit which, according to the tariff, is a circuit between the customer premises and central office switching system without access to the network. No Montana customers subscribe to this service. Qwest is requesting an effective date of June 15, 2004.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.5.71 – Firelight Meadows – Application for Authority to Establish Revised Rates and Charges for Waste Water Services

D2004.5.72 - Firelight Meadows – Application for Authority to Establish Revised Rates and Charges for Water Services

Qwest Corporation and DIECA Communications Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company – Line Sharing Agreement for DSL Services Provisioned after 10/1/04