

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-06-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 31, 2004
Commission Meeting: June 1, 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.

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 USOC, 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.

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

1. D2004.5.82 – PSC Initiated – New Access Communications - Assurance of Voluntary Compliance / Assurance of Discontinuance. (6/1/04)
2. D2004.2.23 – MITS / MTA – Petition for ETC Rulemaking. (6/1/04)
3. D2002.10.132 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Central Montana Communications, Inc. – Exchange-to-Exchange and Regional Extended Area Service Application for Great Falls, Havre, Lewistown and White Sulphur Springs. (6/1/04)
4. D2002.12.153 and D2003.10.153 – Qwest (QLDC and QCC) – Compliance Filings: Tariff Transmittals QLDC04-02 and QCC04-02. (6/1/04)
5. D2004.3.45 – NorthWestern Energy – Basin Creek. (6/1/04)
6. D2001.10.144, or NA – NorthWestern Energy – Possible Action Regarding Protective Order No. 6382b, Issued in the above Docket, or Other Matters Regarding PSC Protective Order Practice, Including Protective Order Rules. (6/1/04)
7. D2003.8.109 – NorthWestern Energy Financial Investigation – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Related Matter. (6/1/04)
8. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (6/1/04)
9. N2004.4.64 – Liberty Gas Marketing – Application for Natural Gas Supplier License. (6/1/04)
10. D2004.5.74 – MT Associates, LLC (MTA) – Application to Establish Initial Rates and Charges. (6/1/04)
11. 911 Advisory Council – Discuss PSC Membership and Appoint PSC Representative. (6/1/04)

Other Meetings

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

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1. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2004.5.78 (Eric)

On May 24, 2004, MDU applied for authority to issue 6,825,581 additional shares of Common Stock in connection with the MDU Resources Group Inc. 1997 Executive Long-Term Incentive Program. The purpose of the Plan is to promote the success and enhance the value of the Company by linking the personal interests of officers and key employees to those of the Company's stockholders and customers. The requested authority is to be effective until all of the shares have been issued.

2. Qwest Services Corporation N2004.5.79 (Kim)

On May 25, 2004 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Costco Wholesale. This filing was submitted pursuant to Section 2.18 – Volume and Term Discounts of Qwest tariffs.

3. CenturyTel N2004.5.75 (Scott)

On May 21, 2004, CenturyTel filed tariff revision. In this filing Century Tell is requesting that language be added that clarifies ISDN-PRI and other local services are offered on an end user basis only and not to be used to transmit

interexchange traffic that does not either originate or terminate at the customer premises.

4. AT&T Communications N2004.5.76 (Scott)

On May 21, 2004, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2004-07. The purpose of this filing is to grandfather the AT&T Correctional Value Plan. AT&T requests that this filing go into effect on June 20, 2004.

5. Citizens Telecommunications Company N2004.5.81 (Scott)

On May 26, 2004, Citizens Telecommunications filed tariffs for a special promotion. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a statewide promotional offering beginning June 25, 2004 and continuing through September 22, 2004. Where technically available in the serving Wire Center, residential customers who order Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line service (ASDL) for at least 6 month term on either an existing line or with initial installation of Local Exchange Service will receive a waiver of the applicable nonrecurring Service Request Charge: Connection of Network Access Line Charge (as specified in Section III, Nonrecurring Charges).

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.5.74 – MT Associates, LLC – Application for Authority to Establish Initial Rates and Charges for Water Services

N2004.5.75 – CenturyTel – Tariff Transmittal No. 04-02

N2004.5.76 – AT&T – Grandfather the AT&T Correctional Value Plan

D2004.5.77 – NorthWestern Energy - 2004 BPA Residential Exchange Credit Filing

D2004.5.78 – MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Application for Authorization to Issue Securities

N2004.5.79 – Qwest and Costco Master Service Agreement

D2004.5.80 – NorthWestern Energy – 2004 Electric Qualifying Facilities Competitive Transition Charge Filing

N2004.5.81 – Citizens Telephone Company of Montana – Special Promotion

D2004.5.82 – PSC Initiated – New Access Communications, LLC Assurance of Voluntary Compliance / Assurance of Discontinuance

