

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-06-08**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 7, 2004
Commission Meeting: June 8, 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. 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. A default order has been drafted.

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. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2004.3.34 (Leroy)

On March 5, 2004, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 04-04, Business Line Volume Purchasing Plan (BLVPP). The plan allows discounts on Basic flat-rated lines (1FBs); Qwest Business Line Plus, Qwest Choice Business, Business Custom Choice, and Centrex 21 Service. The customer may subscribe to any combination of these basic exchange services to qualify for the discount. In addition, at the customer's request, hunting will be included in the plan at no additional charge. Staff recommends approval.

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).

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

1. D2004.4.58 – Qwest – New Block of Numbers for Benefis for Great Falls. (6/8/04)
2. D2004.3.45 – NorthWestern Energy – Basin Creek, etc. (6/8/04)
3. Columbia Heights Water Company – Service Quality and Related Complaints. (6/8/04)
4. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get any Direction Related to the Bankruptcy. (6/8/04)

Other Meetings

**6/8/04 – 1:30 p.m. – 180 Communications Information Meeting –
Commission Conference Room**

**6/9/04 – 8:15 a.m. – Energy and Telecom Interim Committee Meeting –
Colstrip**

**6/10/04 - 8:15 a.m. – Energy and Telecom Interim Committee Meeting –
Colstrip**

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

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2004.5.83 – Qwest Corporation and Blackfoot Communications Inc. – Application for Approval of Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement
- D2004.5.84 - Montana Public Service Commission Initiated – Notice of Inquiry into Matters Concerning Intercarrier Compensation
- D2004.5.85 – Qwest Corporation and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. d/b/a USTel – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Adopting Qwest’s Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services
- D2004.6.86 – Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Valley Telecommunications Inc. – Announcement of Consolidation under the Cooperative Structure
- D2004.6.87 - Montana Public Service Commission Investigation – Investigation into Long Distance Charges and Access Rates for MCI
- D2004.6.88 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for (1) Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost; and (2) Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance
- D2004.6.89 – Qwest Corporation and DIECA d/b/a Covad Communications Company – Commercial Line Sharing Agreement for DSL Services Provisioned after October 1, 2004