

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 04-07-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 12, 2004  
Commission Meeting: July 15, 2004, 1:30 p.m.

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**1:15 p.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**1:30 p.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. AT &T Communications N2004.6.95 (Scott)

On June 24, 2004, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2004-10. The purpose of this filing is 1) Revises Text for Unlimited Plans, 2) Rename the Direct Credit Card Calling Plan to the USADirect Credit Card Calling Plan, 3) Change the interstate reference point in the text for the One Rate \$.07 no Fee plan to the one rate \$.10 No Fee Plan as there is no One Rate \$.07 No Fee Interstate Plan, and 4) Introduce two new AT & T Local Residential Calling Plans.

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

1. **7/12/04 10:00 a.m.** Protective Order Rule Revisions – Discuss Protective Order Rule Revisions in Light of Great Falls Tribune v. PSC and MPC, and in Light of Other Factors. (7/12/04)
2. D2004.4.62, D2004.6.92, and D2004.5.83 – Qwest/OPCOM, Century/Airtel, and Qwest/Blackfoot – Interconnection Agreements. (7/15/04)
3. D2003.6.84 – Lincoln Telephone Company – EAS. (7/15/04)
4. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (7/15/04)
5. Staff Out-of-State Travel. (7/15/04)

**Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 1:15 p.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. PPM Energy N2004.7.104 (Will)

On July 6, 2004, PPM Energy submitted an application for a license to supply electricity to retail customers in the Montana service territories of NorthWestern Energy, Flathead Electric Cooperative and Glacier Electric Cooperative. The Company intends to solicit and serve large commercial and industrial customers with loads greater than 300 KW.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2004.6.96 (Will)

On June 28, 2004, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed its annual avoided cost compliance filing for the June 2004 to June 2005 contract year. NWE proposes adjustments, on an interim basis, to the Qualifying Facility Long Term Power Purchase Schedule (QFLT-1) and the Cogeneration/Short-Term Power Purchase Schedule (STPP-1). Because the Commission has not yet issued a final decision on last year's filing, Docket No. D2003.7.86, NWE asked the Commission to process this year's filing simultaneously with last year's.

3. Citizens Telecommunications Co of Montana N2004.7.102 (Scott)

On June 30, 2004, Citizens filed advice letter no MT-04-04 special promotion. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a promotional offering beginning August 2, 2004, and continuing through October 30, 2004 where technically available in the serving wire centers. During the promotional period, existing and new residential customers who order an additional residential access line, as a package or individually will receive a \$100.00 one time credit on their first month's bill. If the customer does not subscribe to the service for at least 12 continuous months, a subsequent reversing charge will apply, equal to the \$100.00 one-time installation credit.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2004.6.98 – Black Hills Power - Letter of Transmittal Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2004.7.99 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Charge Rate Adjustment

D2004.7.100 – Cenex Pipeline LLC – Proposed Tariff Increase

D2004.7.101 – Front Range Pipeline, LLC – Proposed Tariff Increase

N2004.7.102 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Special Promotion

D2004.7.103 – Citizens Communications and AT&T Wireless – Interconnection and Traffic Interchange

N2004.7.104 – PPM Energy, Inc. – Application for License to Supply Electricity

D2004.7.105 – Qwest Corporation and 3 Rivers PCS, Inc. – Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement

D2004.7.106 – Qwest Corporation and Covista, Inc. – Application for Approval of Adoption of Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) Interconnection Agreement

D2004.7.107 – Qwest Corporation and IDT America Corporation – Application for Approval of Adoption of Sprint Communications L.P. Interconnection Agreement