

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-07-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 19, 2004
Commission Meeting: July 20, 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. 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.

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

1. D2003.1.8 – Blackfoot Telephone Extended Area of Service – Ronan Telephone and Hot Springs Telephone Motion for Concurrent Hearings. (7/20/04)
2. D2003.10.156 – 3 Rivers PCS – Discuss Application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. (7/20/04)
3. N2004.1.15 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss Electricity Default Plan Filing. (7/20/04)
4. Discuss Consideration of Judge Honzel’s Remand Order Regarding a Protective Order Issued in D2001.10.144 and Challenged by the Media, a Challenge Addressed Ultimately by the Montana Supreme Court. (7/20/04)
5. D2004.6.90 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss Annual Default Supply Cost Tracker. (7/20/04)
6. N2004.6.97 – Rainbow Gas Company – Application for Natural Gas Supplier License. (7/20/04)
7. NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (7/20/04)
8. D2003.1.14 – Western Wireless – Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Petition – Qwest Exchanges. (7/20/04)
9. Montana Public Service Commission – L-97.6.4-RUL – Multiple Rulemakings – Energy, T-Com, Transportation. (7/20/04)

Other Meetings

7/20/04 – 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Final Report from Liberty Consulting (Bollinger Room, Helena)

7/21/04 – 9:00 a.m. – Basin Creek Hearing (Bollinger Room, Helena)

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

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Long Distance, N2004.7.109 (Scott)

On July 13, 2004, Qwest Long Distance (QLD) filed tariff transmittal QLDC04-03 Choice Long Distance Option. In this filing QLD is introducing a new option to the Choice Long Distance Plan for residential customers. The new option provides free long distance at night and on weekends if the residential customer subscribes to a qualifying Qwest wireless service. The proposed effective date for the new option in the region is August 1, 2004.

2. Qwest Communication Corporation, N2004.7.110 (Scott)

On July 13, 2004, Qwest Communication Corporation (QCC) filed tariff transmittal QCC04-03 Choice Long Distance Option. In this filing QLD is introducing a new option to the Choice Long Distance Plan for residential customers. The new option provides free long distance at night and on weekends if the residential customer subscribes to a qualifying Qwest wireless service. The proposed effective date for the new option in the region is August 1, 2004.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.7.108 - Qwest Corporation and Qwest Communications Corporation - Application for Approval of Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services

N2004.7.109 - Qwest Long Distance - TT QLD04-03 - Choice Long Distance Option

N2004.7.110 - Qwest Communications Corporation - TT QCC04-03 - Choice
Long Distance Option

D2004.7.111 - Qwest Corporation and Airtel Wireless LLC - Application for
Approval of Adoption of the Airpeak Communications LLC f/k/a Nevada Wireless
LLC Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Airtel Wireless,
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