

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-08-31**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 30, 2004
Commission Meeting: August 31, 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. N2004.8.123 – Qwest – Residence and Business Competitive Response Tariffs. (8/31/04)
2. Qwest – Discuss QLD's and QCC's Service Offerings and Pricing in Montana Relative to Their Offerings Elsewhere in the Region. (8/31/04)
3. D2004.3.39 – MTA, MITS, Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone Company – Placeholder to Report on and Receive Direction on

Matters Pending in the Local Number Portability Suspension Docket.
(8/31/04)

4. D2001.10.144 – NorthWestern Energy – First Portfolio Docket, Protective Order Matters. (8/31/04)
5. D2003.6.77 and D2004.6.90 – NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder in Case Any Action or Direction from the Commission Is Needed. (8/31/04)
6. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (8/31/04)
7. Legislation/Energy and Telecom Interim Committee – Discuss Comments to Send to ETIC re: LC42 and LC45 and Any Other Legislative-Related Matters. (8/31/04)
8. D2004.3.45 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Advanced Approval of Price, Term and Quantity in Basin Creek Power Purchase Contract. (8/31/04)
9. **9/1/04 9:30 a.m.** FCC’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in CC Dkt. No. 96-45 – Discuss Draft Reply Comments and Obtain Any Necessary Direction Amending the Draft. (9/1/04)

Other Meetings

9/1/04 7:00 p.m. - EAS Hearing (Lincoln)

9/2/04 10:00 a.m. - EAS Hearing (Hot Springs)

9/2/04 2:00 p.m. - EAS Hearing (Pablo)

9/2/04 4:00 p.m. - EAS Hearing (Ronan)

9/3/04 8:30 a.m. - Briefing on RMATS (Commission Conference Room)

9/3/04 10:30 a.m. - BPA Regional Discussion (Bollinger Room)

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.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.8.136 – Qwest Corporation and VCI Company – Application for Approval of Adoption of Resale Interconnection Agreement

D2004.8.137 – NorthWestern Corporation – Application for Authority to Issue Warrants and Up to an Additional 7.571 Million Shares of Common Stock