

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-03-08**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 7, 2005
Commission Meeting: March 8, 2005, 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 Services Corporation N2005.2.21 (Kim)

On February 22, 2005 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and McDonald's Corporation. This filing was submitted pursuant to *Section 2.18 - Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence* of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs.

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

1. **(3/7/05, 9:30 a.m.)** - Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to the 2005 session.
2. **(3/7/05 after Legislative Matters)** – Federal Communications Commission CC 96-45 – Discuss joining the initial comments filed by another state commission and, or filing reply comments in the same proceeding.
3. D2004.11.184 – Qwest/Comm Partners, LLC – Amend previous Commission interconnection agreement order #6628 issued January 5, 2005. (3/8/05)
4. D2004.12.194 – Qwest/Bullseye Telecom, Inc. – Discuss and act on pending interconnection agreement. (3/8/05)
5. D2004.3.39 – Montana Rural ILEC's – Discuss and get direction as necessary on monitoring of implementation of number portability stipulations as approved by the Commission in this docket. (3/8/05)
6. D2005.2.14 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on any pending motions, requests or objections. (3/8/05)
7. D2004.2.21 – Montana Attorney General – Discuss and act on (1) AG's motion for extension of discovery period (2) NorthWestern Energy's request for protection against additional discovery and (3) NorthWestern Energy's motion to quash/AG's motion for order to compel NorthWestern production. (3/8/05)
8. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to report on and get direction on any matter related to the bankruptcy. (3/8/05)
9. Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to the 2005 session. (3/8/05)
10. **(3/9/05, 9:30 a.m.)** - Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to the 2005 session.
11. **(3/10/05 9:30 a.m.)** - Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to the 2005 session.

12. **(3/10/05 after Legislative Matters)** –Organization of MISO States – Discuss the draft comments and obtain Commission direction on whether to join in the comments or revised comments, if the revisions are not significant.
13. **(3/11/05 9:30 a.m.)** - Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to the 2005 session.
14. **(3/11/05 after Legislative Matters)** – D2005.2.14 – NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder – Discuss and rule on any objections that may be received after March 10, 2005 deadline, Commission consider any other pending motions, requests or objections that have been filed.

Other Meetings

3/10/05 1:30 p.m. – D2003.6.66 and D2004.6.88 – NorthWestern Energy Stipulation Presentation (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.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person interested in seeking a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at 406-444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week