

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 05-04-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 11, 2005  
Commission Meeting: April 12, 2005, 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. Ronan Telephone Company D2004.2.14 (Scott)

On March 23, 2005, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed compliance tariffs for Extended Area of Service (EAS). In this filing RTC also requested that reference to 2-Party service to be eliminated, which was not part of the EAS docket. RTC no longer has any 2-party line subscribers." Probable motion: Approve Ronan Telephone Company request to eliminate 2-Party Service in Docket D2005.2.14."

2. Hot Springs Telephone Company N2005.3.43 (Scott)

On March 29, 2005, Hot Springs Telephone Company request approval of proposed tariffs incorporating an employee discount. ." Probable motion: Approve Hot Springs Telephone Company request to incorporate employee discount in Docket N2005.3.43."

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

1. Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) Audit – Decide whether to participate in the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) multi-state collaborative audit of Qwest's wholesale performance measurements and payments. (4/12/05)
2. D2004.5.85, D2005.1.10 – Qwest and Reconex, Inc. – Implementation of Batch Hot Cut and UNE-P Elimination amendments to existing Qwest/Reconex interconnection agreement D2004.5.85, implementation of the TRO and USTA II Decision amendment to the Qwest/Reconex interconnection agreement and a new Master Service Agreement for Qwest Platform Plus Service (QPP) D2005.1.10 – Discuss and act on the amendments and the QPP agreement and other matters as necessary. (4/12/05)
3. D99.3.68, D2001.9.125, D2002.9.114 – Qwest, DIECA Communications, Contac Communications, Range Telephone Cooperative – IA amendment with DIECA regarding EELs, IA amendment with Contac regarding a special promotion for available inventory collocations, and a transit record IA amendment with Range Telephone Cooperative – Discuss and act on these amendments and other matters as necessary. (4/12/05)
4. D2005.2.14 – NorthWestern Energy – In the matter of NorthWestern Energy's application for advanced approval of certain proposed electricity power supply purchase agreements – Discuss and act on PPL Montana's Petition to Intervene in the Colstrip 4 portion of the docket. (4/12/05)
5. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to report on and get direction on any matter related to the bankruptcy. (4/12/05)
6. Proposed PSC telework policy –Discuss and act on proposed PSC telework policy. (4/12/05)

7. Legislative matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to 2005 legislative session. (4/12/05)
8. **1:30 p.m.** – L-04.07.5-RUL – ETC Rules – Discussion, direction, action on adoption of proposed rules. (4/12/05)
- 4/14/05 9:30 a.m. - Commission Conference Room**
9. Legislative Matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to 2005 legislative session. (4/14/05)
10. D2005.2.14 – NorthWestern Energy – In the matter of NorthWestern Energy's application for advanced approval of certain proposed electricity power supply purchase agreements – Placeholder to discuss and act on any motions for reconsideration that may be received with respect to Order No. 6633b. (4/14/05)

### **Other Meetings**

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**

N2005.3.43 – Hot Springs Telephone – Employee Discount Tariff Filing

N2005.4.44 – PSC – 2005 Annual Line Moving Charge Compliance Filings

D2005.4.45 – Black Hills Power – Letter of Transmittal Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

N2005.4.46 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 05-09 – Introduce Qwest Connections Guide Program