

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-04-19**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 18, 2005
Commission Meeting: April 19, 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>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Inquiries General inquiries concerning this Utility Division agenda and subscribing to notice by mail may be made to Kate Whitney at (406) 444-3056. She may refer inquiries to another person within the agency.

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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. D2005.1.11 – Range Telephone Cooperative, WWC Holding Co. (Western Wireless) – Reciprocal interconnection, transport, and termination interconnection agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement and other matters as necessary. (4/19/05)
2. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to report on and get direction on any matter related to the bankruptcy. (4/19/05)

3. Staff out-of-state travel – Obtain approval of two out-of-state travel requests. (4/19/05)
4. Personnel – Discuss and obtain direction regarding vacant position. (4/19/05)
5. Legislative matters – Discuss bills and other matters related to 2005 legislative session. (4/19/05)

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.

1. Qwest Communications N2005.4.46 (Scott)

On April 6, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-09, that introduce Qwest's Connections Guide Program. Qwest Connection Guide Program is a residential marketing program that allows the Company to work with realtors, mortgage and moving company representatives and other move-related professionals to market Qwest services to customers who are in the process of establishing new service or moving their existing service to a new address. As part of the marketing program, Qwest will provide to the move related professionals a packet of information describing Qwest service offerings. The packet will also include a coupon good for a gift card that the customer is

eligible to send in once they have moved to their new address and established Qwest local service. This program is available to resellers.

2. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2005.4.47 (Scott)

On March 28, 2005 Citizens requested changes in its tariffs for calling features. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Selective Call Acceptance as a new calling feature within the Customized Local Area Signaling Service (CLASS) and Citizen Business Select Bundled Service. Also this filing introduces a pay per use (PPU) rate for Selective Call Acceptance and Selective Call Rejection.

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.

1. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY D2005.4.52 (Leroy)

On April 13, 2005 Ronan Telephone Company requested a Protective Order to protect from disclosure compensation information in Schedule 27 of its annual report to the Commission.

2. HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY D2005.4.53 (Leroy)

On April 13, 2005 Hot Springs Telephone Company requested a Protective Order to protect from disclosure compensation information in Schedule 27 of its annual report to the Commission.

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

N2005.4.47 – Citizens Telecommunications Company – Introduce Selective Call Acceptance as a New Calling Feature within the Customized Local Area Signaling Service (CLASS) and Citizens Business Select Bundled Service, Introduce a Pay Per Use (PPU) Rate for Selective Call Acceptance and Selective Call Rejection

D2005.4.48 – Havre Pipeline – Application to Revise and Unbundle Its Interruptible Transportation Natural Gas Service, to Establish an Interruptible Compression Service Rate and an Interruptible Transportation Service Rate, and to Seek Approval for Re-Classification of Assets

D2005.4.49 – Mountain Water Company – Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Water Service to Its Missoula, Montana Customers

D2005.4.50 – GRS Energy – Petition for Review and Complaint against NorthWestern Energy’s Compliance with the Commission’s Statutes and Regulations in Conducting the Montana First Megawatts (“MFM”) Request for Proposal (“RFP”) and Contract

D2005.4.51 – DIECA Communications, Inc. dba Covad Communications Company – Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Qwest Corporation

D2005.4.52 – Ronan Telephone Company – Motion for a Protective Order

D2005.4.53 – Hot Springs Telephone Company – Motion for a Protective Order

D2004.5.69 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application for Authority to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment

D2004.8.131 – Energy West – Tracker Filings Effective for May 1, 2005