

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-07-17**

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

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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 N2005.7.107 (Kim)

On July 1, 2005 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Federated Systems Group, Inc. 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. The MSA is the result of a competitive bidding process to provide Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Service (ISDN PRS) and/or Digital Switched Service with Rate Stabilized Trunks (DSS Advanced) and/or Uniform Access Solution Service (UAS) services. Probable Motion: Move to approve N2005.7.107 – A Master Service

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2. BLACKFOOT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D2005.4.48 (Martin)
On July 12, 2005, Blackfoot Communications, Inc. filed a request to withdraw its application for ETC status (above docket). Staff recommends PSC approval of the request and closure of the docket. Probable motion: Move to grant request for withdrawal and close docket.

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

1. FCC CC 01-92 – Filing of intercarrier compensation reply comments in CC 01-92 – Discuss as necessary the draft and the filing of comments. (7/19/05)
2. D2005.6.105 – PSC – Qwest use of federal USF – Discussion and action on Qwest motion for reconsideration and more definite statement. (7/19/05)
3. D2005.4.59, D2005.4.60, D2005.4.61, D2005.4.62, D2005.4.63, D2005.4.64, D2005.4.65, D2005.4.67, D2005.4.68, D2005.4.69, D2005.4.70, D2005.4.71, D2005.4.72 - Qwest, Primetime, Lightyear, Ionex, Bullseye, MCI Metro, VCI, Preferred Carrier, McLeod, DIECA, Contact, PiperTel, Vycera, New Rochelle - Twelve QPP Interconnection Agreements; one Line Sharing Agreement - Discuss and act on the agreements. (7/19/05)
4. D2004.2.21 – PSC Initiated – In the Matter of a Commission Investigation of Electricity Market Activity Affecting Retail Customers during the Period 2000 through 2001 – Discuss, provide direction and act on Special Assistant Attorney General’s Motion for Order to Compel NorthWestern Energy Production of Additional Documents. (7/19/05)
5. N2005.6.96 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition for Rulemaking regarding PSC protective order rules – Discuss the petition and comments and get direction on the Commission response. (7/19/05)

6. Staff out-of-state travel – Obtain approval for Leroy Beeby and Dave Burchett to attend training titled “Basic Depreciation” in San Antonio Sept. 13-16. (7/19/05)

Other Meetings

7/22/05 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy – Information meeting – Liberty audit, demand side management, 2005/2006 heating season, natural gas prices (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.

1. Havre Pipeline Company D2005.4.48 (AI)
Order 6646a, issued July 7, 2005, protects Havre Pipeline Company's federal and state tax returns that are or will be submitted in response to data requests are protected from public disclosure.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2005.7.109 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest Corporation's Provision of Wholesale Service to Local Service Competitors