

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-08-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 29, 2005
Commission Meeting: August 30, 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. POWEREX N2005.8.117
(JOEL)

On August 3, 2005, Powerex Corporation filed an application for a natural gas supplier license to serve industrial customers in Montana. Staff recommends approval. Probable Motion: Approve Powerex's application in Docket N2005.8.117 for a natural gas supplier license in Montana.

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

1. MCI - \$.99 paper billing fee – Ask for Commission direction on whether MCI should file this fee in its tariff. (8/30/05)
2. D2004.3.47 – Cut Bank Gas – General rate case – Discussion, direction, action on motion to allow supplemental testimony and continue hearing date, other matters as necessary. (8/30/05)
3. D2005.5.87 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas tracker – Act on request for interim relief. (8/30/05)

Other Meetings

8/31/05 9:00 a.m. – Transmission Improvement Group (TIG) – Presentation on TIG proposal regarding Northwestern transmission grid management (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.

1. Qwest Services Corporation N2005.8.123 (Kim)

On August 18, 2005 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Starbucks Corporation d/b/a Starbucks Coffee Company. 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 Flat-Rate Business Line service.

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. D2005.5.87, Order No. 6685, NorthWestern Energy
2. D2005.4.49, Order No. 6644a, and D2004.9.145, Order No. 6650a, Mountain Water Company

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2005.8.123 – Qwest Corporation and Starbucks – Individual Case Basis Agreement

D2005.8.124 – PSC Initiated – In the Matter of the Montana Public Service Commission's Adoption of Rules Pursuant to Senate Bill 415, Renewable Energy Standards for Public Utilities

