

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 05-10-04**

Date Published: September 29, 2005  
For Work Week Commencing: October 3, 2005  
Commission Meeting: October 4, 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.

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

1. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone settlement offer – Preliminary discussion of a RTC offer to settle on appeal a court order affirming Commission orders. (10/04/05)
2. N2005.9.139 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Least Cost Plan filing – information and introduction. (10/04/05)

3. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 – NorthWestern Energy QF, annual avoided cost proceedings – Discuss and act on amended filings, other matters as necessary. (10/04/05)

### **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 Corporation N2005.9.140 (Scott)

On September 21, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-17. In this filing Qwest is requesting to remove the following sentence from the tariff. "If a customer migrates to MegaBit Service from ISDN the termination charges will be waived." Qwest is requesting to remove this language as part of its over all effort to remove MegaBit Service from the state Tariff and catalog since customers now purchase DSL out of the interstate tariff. Qwest dose not have any existing MegaBit customers in the state of Montana. Qwest is requesting an October 21, 2005, effective date for this filing.

2. Qwest Corporation N2005.9.146 (Scott)

On September 23, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-18. In this filing Qwest is proposing to introduce term discount pricing for the Qwest Choice™ Business Plus, and Add-A-Line packages.

**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 wanting 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. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2005.9.140 – Qwest - TT05-17 – MegaBit Service  
D2005.9.141 – Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Cable & Communications Corporation - Application for Approval of Their Reciprocal Interconnection, Transport, and Termination Agreement  
D2005.9.142 - Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Cable & Communications Corporation - Application for Approval of Their Cellular Interconnection Agreement (Birney, MT)  
D2005.9.143 - Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Cable & Communications Corporation - Application for Approval of Their Cellular Interconnection Agreement (Ashland, MT)  
D2005.9.144 - Black Hills Corporation - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider  
D2005.9.145 - PSC Initiated - Expansion of winter shut off moratorium for NWE, MDU, EWM  
N2005.9.146 - Qwest - TT 05-18 - Introduction of term discount pricing for certain business packages