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UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-11-17

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Commission Meeting: November 17, 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. Lincoln Telephone Company N2005.10.162 (Tina)

On October 24, 2005, Lincoln Telephone Company filed revisions to its Lifeline/Linkup tariff. The revisions were made to update and clarify this section of the tariff. Probable Motion: Approve Lincoln Telephone Company's tariff revisions in Docket N2005.10.162.

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

1. D2005.10.136, D2005.10.137, D2005.10.138 - Qwest, Transnational Communications International, Inc., ZEH L.L.C., Ernest Communications Inc. - Three interconnection agreements - Discuss and act on the agreements. (11/17/05)
2. D97.2.19, D2004.4.66, D2005.3.37, D2005.3.41, D2005.9.136, D2003.11.158, D2003.10.147 - Qwest Corporation, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., AT&T, Prime Time Ventures LLC, Vycera Communications, Inc., Transnational Communications International, Inc., Granite Telecommunications, LLC, CenturyTel of Montana, Gold Creek Cellular d/b/a/Verizon Wireless - Seven amendments to existing interconnection agreements - Discuss and act on the amendments. (11/17/05)
3. Energy & Telecommunications Committee SJR 39 survey – Discuss and obtain Commission direction. (11/17/05)
4. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 – NorthWestern Energy – Qualifying facility, avoided cost consolidated dockets – Update, general discussion, scheduling oral argument on motion, other matters as necessary. (11/17/05)
5. FERC Docket EL05-124 (PPL Montana Section 206 Proceeding) – Discuss PPL Montana’s delivered price test filing and provide direction to staff. (11/17/05)
6. Update on Grid West – Primarily informational, although may want to provide direction to staff. (11/17/05)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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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.

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2003.4.49, D2004.4.55, D2004.5.69 (Martin)

On November 4, 2005, MDU filed a Motion for Protective Order in the above consolidated dockets, which are annual reviews of MDU's monthly gas cost tracking procedure. MDU requests protection of natural gas procurement information, including specific contract terms, average price currently paid under those contracts, and strategies used to negotiate contracts. MDU represents that each of these items qualifies as trade secret.

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

N2005.11.166 – PSC Initiated – In the Matter of the Waiver of ARM 38.5.4111(2)
on the Commission's Own Motion