

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-12-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 19, 2005
Commission Meeting: December 20, 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.

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

1. D2005.7.109 – 2005 CLEC Forum – Discuss and act on draft CLEC forum report. (12/20/05)
2. FCC invitation to comment on High-Cost Universal Service Support Service Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) [FCC 05-205, CC 96-45, WC 05-337] – Discuss and get general direction as necessary to file reply comments with the FCC in response to this NOPR. (12/20/05)

3. D2005.6.105 – Qwest – Universal service fund investigation – Post oral argument discussion, direction, action. (12/20/05)
4. Telecommunications service rules – Discuss draft revised rules and decide whether to initiate rulemaking. (12/20/05)
5. D2005.10.156 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Natural gas conservation programs – Discussion and action on Montana Consumer Counsel motion for reconsideration of interim order, other matters as necessary. (12/20/05)
6. D2003.4.49, D2004.4.45, D2004.5.69 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Consolidated annual true-ups of monthly natural gas trackers – Discussion and action on MDU motion for protective order, other matters as necessary. (12/20/05)
7. N2005.6.101 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas procurement plan – First post-hearing, post-briefing discussion, direction, and possible action. (12/20/05)
8. N2005.6.101 and D2003.7.86 et al. – NorthWestern Energy – Gas procurement plan and qualifying facility avoided cost – Discussion, direction, action on NWE’s protective order “expectations.” (12/20/05)
9. D2004.3.47 – Cut Bank Gas – General rate case – Placeholder - Review stipulated agreement with Montana Consumer Counsel. (12/20/05)
10. D2005.11.163 – Utility Solutions, LLC – In the matter of the application of Utility Solutions, LLC to implement initial rates and charges for water service in its Elk Grove subdivision, Gallatin County, Montana service area – Discuss and act on Petition to Intervene by Tony Kolnik. (12/20/05)
11. L-05.11.5-RUL – Annual update to pipeline safety rules – Prehearing discussion, action. (12/20/05)

Other Meetings

12/23/05 9:00 a.m. – Pipeline Safety Rules Hearing (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. AT&T N2005.9.147 (Scott)

On September 27, 2005, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2005-14. The purpose of this filing is to grandfather the AT&T Small Business Option.

2. CenturyTel N2005.12.173 (Scott)

On December 12, 2005, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No. 05-06. With this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer the following promotions: Caller ID Plus: For the period February 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006, customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Waiting ID will receive the three feature package price of \$8.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. Calling Features: For the period February 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006, the Company will waive the nonrecurring charges for customers who subscribe to any custom-calling or custom calling II feature. Access line: For the period January 10, 2006 through March 31, 2006, the Company will waive the nonrecurring charges applicable to the installation of residential or business access lines.

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

N2005.12.172 – NorthWestern Energy – 2006 Electric Default Supply Resource Planning and Procurement Plan
N2005.12.173 – CenturyTel – New Promotions