

**REVISED**  
**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**UTILITY DIVISION**  
**AGENDA NO. 06-05-31**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 29, 2006  
Commission Meeting: May 31, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

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**1:00 p.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**1:30 p.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Ronan Telephone Company N2006.5.61 (Scott)

On May 3, 2006, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed proposed Directory Assistance tariffs. The Company that RTC has been using for directory

assistance is no longer providing that service. The proposed new rate is the result of an increase in rates that RTC must pay to the directory assistance provider. Probable motion: Approve RTC Directory Assistance tariffs in Docket N2006.5.61.

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

1. D2002.12.156, D2006.3.30, D2006.3.31, D2006.3.32, D2006.3.38, D2006.3.41, D2006.3.42 - Qwest Corporation, Blackfoot Communications, Inc., Covad Communications Company, Advanced Communications, CenturyTel of Montana, Granite Telecommunications LLC, Northern Montana Communication, Montana Opticom LLC, Omnicom Paging Plus - Six (6) Interconnection Agreements and two (2) Interconnection Agreement Amendments - Discuss and act on the agreements and amendments. (5/31/06)
2. D2006.3.39 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest Corporation’s Notification of Certain Features, Listings and Packages to be Offered as not Regulated - Discuss and act on Qwest objections to Commission Staff Data Requests PSC-008(c), PSC-008(d), PSC-008(e). (5/31/06)
3. Out of state travel – Approve travel request for Mike Lee to attend NARUC Summer Meeting in San Francisco July 28 – August 2, and change participants attending the NARUC Western Conference in Jackson Hole in June from Judy Scheier to Tina Shorten. (5/31/06)
4. Budget/compensation issues – Review and consider budget and compensation issues, including but not limited to proposed pay adjustments for Eric Dahlgren, Al Brogan, Donna Turkowski, and the vacant Utility Division Administrative Support position. (5/31/06)

### **Other Meetings**

**6/2/06 2:00 p.m. - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. informational meeting (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. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2006.5.72 (Eric)

On May 18, 2006, MDU applied for authority for a three-for-two stock split on shares of issued Common Stock, to be effective on July 26, 2006 in the form of a fifty percent stock dividend, through the issuance of one additional share of Common Stock for every two shares of Common Stock held by the holders of record on the close of business on July 12, 2006.

2. Hot Springs Telephone Company N2006.5.76 (Scott)

On May 24, 2006, Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) filed proposed Directory Assistance tariffs. Due to the increased cost to HSTC it can no longer offer free call allowance for Directory Assistance. HSTC is submitting these tariffs with a free call allowance of three calls per subscriber per month.

**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**

D2006.5.71 – Utility Enterprises, Inc. – Application for Review of Rate Structure for Water Services at Rocky Cliff Estates

D2006.5.72 – MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Application for Authority to Issue Securities

N2006.5.73 – Qwest Corporation and Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. – Master Service Agreement

N2006.5.74 – Qwest Corporation – Request for Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirement – Billing Rate Center

N2006.5.75 – Qwest Corporation – Request for Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirement – Missoula Rate Center

N2006.5.76 – Hot Springs Telephone Company – Revisions to Local Directory Assistance Tariffs