

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-11-28**

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Commission Meeting: November 28, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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

1. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.162 (Gary)

On November 10, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Wells Fargo Bank (Wells Fargo). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for

approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of an RFP bid with multiple vendors completing a very detailed pricing request. The RFP was issued to all vendors competing for the customer's services.

Probable Motion - Move to approve the Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank in Docket N2006.11.162.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.161 (Gary)

On November 8, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and W.W. Grainger. Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of competitive bids sought by W.W. Grainger for various telecommunications services. The services purchased from Qwest by W. W. Grainger are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

Probable Motion - Move to approve the Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest Corporation and W.W. Grainger in Docket N2006.11.161.

3. Qwest N2006.11.163 (Scott)

On November 8, 2006, Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 06-18, Move 800 Serviceline Option to the Obsolete Section. 800 Serviceline and Ancillary WATS will no longer be available to new customers. There is no change to rates or to the service for the existing customers. The existing customers may retain the service as long as Qwest continues to offer it and as long as the customer does not move to another address or make changes to their service. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal 06-18 in Docket N2006.11.163.

4. Citizens Telecommunications N2006.11.167 (Scott)

On November 9, 2006, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-11. The purpose of this filing is to include limitation of liability language within its Customized Local Area Signaling Service product offering. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-06-11 in Docket N2006.11.167.

5. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2006.11.165 (Eric)

On November 13, 2006, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$150,000,000 of short-term financing in the form of unsecured promissory notes and/or commercial paper. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development including the acquisition of businesses or corporate development purposes and for other general corporate purposes. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s request for authority to issue up to \$150,000,000 of short-term financing.

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

1. N2006.11.164 – Coral Energy Resources, L.P. – Application for natural gas supplier license – Discussion and action on motions for protective order. (11/28/06)
2. N2006.5.60 – Commission consideration of the adoption of Energy Policy Act of 2005 standards regarding net metering, fuel diversity, fossil fuel generation efficiency, smart metering and interconnection – Discuss/act on draft order. (11/28/06)
3. FERC Dockets EL06-105 and ER07-46 – Update the Commissioners on the activity in and status of the FERC dockets which involve applications by NWE with respect to transmission rates in Montana. (11/28/06)
4. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, and D2005.6.103 – NWE – Consolidated QF dockets – Discuss draft order and get the Commission's decisions on any and all matters that relate to issuing a final order. (11/28/06)
5. Amendment of PSC protective order rules – Further discussion, direction, and action on amendment to rules related to identification and summary of protected information. (11/28/06)
6. 2007 Legislation, Natural Gas USB – Continued discussion, direction, and action on PSC draft legislation. (11/28/06)

7. PSC goals – Update PSC goals for posting on website and sending to budget office. (11/28/06)
8. Out of state staff travel – Approve Eric Dahlgren’s travel to Oklahoma City Jan. 9-12 for required pipeline safety class “Liquefied Natural Gas Safety Technology quotes. (11/28/06)

Other Meetings

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

MISO presentation re: proposed MISO ancillary services market – Thursday November 30, at 9:00 a.m. – Bollinger Room.

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. Sprint N2006.11.169 (Scott)

On November 15, 2006, Sprint filed revisions to its Montana P.S.C. Price list No. 1. In this filing Sprint is requesting to grandfather four prepaid calling cards which are no longer offered and delete two prepaid calling cards which were never introduced.

2. Qwest N2006.11.170 (Scott)

On November 17, 2006, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 06-19 to eliminate USOC CLH from its tariff. This USOC was placed in the tariff to allow Qwest

to track listings for wireless numbers. Qwest has no customers for this 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 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

N2006.11.169 – Sprint Nextel – Sprint Communication Company L.P. – Changes to Montana PSC Price List No. 1.

N2006.11.170 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-19 – Eliminate USOC CLH from tariff.