

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-12-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 11, 2006
Commission Meeting: December 12, 2006, **8:30 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.mt.gov>.

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8:30 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:00 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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

1. Qwest D2001.8.119, D2004.9.148 (Gary)

Two Interconnection Agreement Amendments:
D2001.8.119 - Qwest Corporation/BG Enterprises, Inc.
D2004.9.148 - Qwest Corporation/SBC Long Distance Inc. (SBC)

Qwest has filed for approval with this Commission two interconnection agreement amendments. The first of these is D2001.8.119 between Qwest and BG Enterprises. This amendment removes Digital Subscriber Line service (DSL) as a service available to BG Enterprises under their existing interconnection agreement with Qwest, per FCC Order 05-155 in Docket No. 02-33 which found that DSL is an information service.

The second amendment is D2004.9.148 between Qwest and SBC. This amendment to the existing interconnection agreement adds Collocation Decommission terms and conditions and rates. These amendments were voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved.

Probable Motion: Move to approve the interconnection agreement amendments in D2001.8.119 - Qwest Corporation/BG Enterprises, Inc. and D2004.9.148 - Qwest Corporation/SBC Long Distance Inc (SBC).

2. CenturyTel N2006.11.171 (Scott)

On November 22, 2006, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 06-10. This filing establishes a new tariff applying to the provision of wholesale services to carriers, and E911 service connection and database access to carriers and VoIP providers. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's Transmittal No. 06-10 in Docket N2006.11.171.

3. Central Montana Communications N2006.11.172 (Scott)

On November 22, 2006, Central Montana filed multiple modifications to its tariffs. These modifications include: Local Network Access Line Service, Service Bundles, Internet Services, and Class Services. Probable Motion: Approve Central's tariff modifications in Docket N2006.11.172.

4. Sprint N2006.11.173 (Scott)

On November 27, 2006, Sprint filed changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. In this filing Sprint is requesting to standardize the monthly recurring charge language for Sprint 1000 Weekends Option A, Sprint Fundamentals Plus, Sprint 5 Cent Fundamentals, Sprint Nickel Nights Extra, and Sprint Sense Anytime Calling Plans and corrects the monthly recurring charge for Sprint Fundamentals that was inadvertently removed in a prior filing. Probable Motion: Approve Sprint's changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1 in Docket N2006.11.173.

5. Ronan Telephone Company N2006.11.174 (Scott)

On November 28, 2006, Ronan filed a Bundling promotion. In this filing Ronan proposed six different bundles which have various combinations of Unlimited Local Exchange Access Service, Long Distance minutes, Custom Calling services, Advanced Calling services, Voice Mail, and Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access. Probable Motion: Approve Ronan's Bundling promotion in Docket N2006.11.174.

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

1. D2006.10.144, D2006.8.129 – PSC Initiated – PSC v. Buzz Telecom Inc. and Billing Concepts, Inc. – Review the status of these complaints and seek direction and approval of settlement proposals. (12/12/06)
2. D2005.6.105 – PSC Initiated – Qwest USF Investigation – Discussion, direction, action on report, further procedures, and other matters as necessary. (12/12/06)
3. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 – NorthWestern Energy – Consolidated QF dockets – Discuss/act on revised draft final order. (12/12/06)
4. D2006.5.71 – Utility Enterprises, Inc. – General rate case – Postpone or close the docket. (12/12/06)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at **8:30 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. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2006.10.158 (Eric D)

On October 30, 2006, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4). The modified tariff sheet establishes a new Heating Zone 500 for customers located downstream of the Billings Border Station that are currently in Heating Zone 13. The proposed Heating Zone 500 will account for the heating value of gas delivered through NorthWestern Energy's interconnection and gas received from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's interconnection.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.175 (Gary)

On November 30, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Government Service Authority (GSA) Region 8. 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 bidding on a RFP issued by the United States Government in February of 2006 to provide various telecommunications services within Qwest's incumbent territory. The RFP sought bids from multiple providers.

3. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.179 (Gary)

On December 4, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Enterprise Rent a Car Company of Montana/Wyoming (Enterprise). 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 Qwest and Enterprise adding Montana to the existing MSA which did not originally include Montana, and therefore had not been filed in Montana. Enterprise engaged in discussion with multiple providers in order to obtain the most attractive price for the telecommunications services it was seeking.

4. Sprint N2006.12.177 (Scott)

On November 29, 2006, Sprint requested changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. This filing corrects Sprint 1000 Weekends Option, a monthly recurring charge language that was inadvertently changed in a prior filing.

5. CenturyTel N2006.12.178 (Scott)

On December 1, 2006, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 06-11. In this filing, CenturyTel is proposing to offer a promotion for 90 days. The Company will waive the nonrecurring charges applicable to the installation of additional resident or business access lines, including additional Centrex or Key Lines. This offer does not include PBX trunks.

6. Qwest N2006.12.180 (Scott)

On December 6, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-20, Duplicate Bill Charge. In this filing Qwest is proposing to offer customers alternatives in getting duplicate bills that are older than 6 months. Due to a recent IRS decision whereby the IRS will be providing a refund of Federal Excise Tax on certain services paid on bills from March 2003 through July of 2006, an increased number of customers could be expected to request reprints for multiple months of bills.

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

N2006.11.175 – Qwest Corporation and Government Service Authority Region 8 – Amended Multi-State Agreement

D2006.12.176 – NorthWestern Energy – 2007 Electric and Natural Gas State and Local Tax and Fee Tracker Filing

N2006.12.177 – Sprint – Changes to Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1

N2006.12.178 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. – Transmittal No. 06-11, Proposed Promotion

N2006.12.179 – Qwest Corporation and Enterprise Rent a Car Company of Montana/Wyoming – Multi-State Agreement

N2006.12.180 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-20, Duplicate Bill Charge