

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 07-04-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 16, 2007  
Commission Meeting: April 17, 2007, 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. Citizens Telecommunications N2007.3.30 (Scott)

On March 27, 2007, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-07-04. The purpose of this filing is to clarify the application of Business and Residence rates. Citizens requests that this filing become effective on April 26, 2007.

Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-07-04 in Docket N2007.3.30.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.162 (Gary)

On April 2, 2007, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval Amendment Four to a previously filed and approved Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Wells Fargo Bank (Wells Fargo). This amendment simply adds Qwest Choice Business Prime as an additional service offered under the MSA. Qwest is filing the MSA Amendment 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 Wells Fargo requesting new or additional services at competitive prices for some of its locations. The services purchased by Wells Fargo are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest. Probable Motion: Move to approve the Qwest/Wells Fargo MSA Amendment in N2006.11.162.

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

1. D2004.1.6 – Triangle Communication System, Inc. – Application for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier – Further discussion, direction, action on draft final order. (4/17/07)
2. D2006.4.54 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Annual review of monthly gas tracker, final review of interim rates and approval of related rate adjustments – Discuss and act on final order. (4/17/07)
3. Consumer complaint – Approve a payment arrangement between complainant and NorthWestern Energy. (4/17/07)
4. Discuss Commissioner Molnar's request that NorthWestern Energy provide early briefing to the PSC on its plans for regulating reserves capacity. (4/17/07)
5. Whitehall Wind v. PSC and NorthWestern Energy – Judicial review of PSC order – Further discussion, direction, action on compliance with latest Court order. (4/17/07)

6. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process, and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (4/17/07)
7. **4/19/07 8:30 a.m.** – Placeholder – Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process, and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (4/19/07) (Commission Conference Room – No web audio feed)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**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. Citizens Telecommunications N2007.4.34 (Scott)

On April 3, 2007, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-07-05. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Business Traffic Study Service for business customers. Business Traffic Study Service provides performance reports of call capacity for originating and terminating traffic on access lines, trunk groups or hunt groups. Citizens requests that this filing become effective May 11, 2007.

**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**

D2007.4.35 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of an Affiliate Power Purchase Transaction between NorthWestern Energy and Montana Generation, LLC  
D2007.4.36 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change