

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-03-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 10, 2008
Commission Meeting: March 11, 2008, 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.

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

1. D2007.10.124 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications, Inc. – Discuss and rule on 3 Rivers' objections to Alltel discovery and Alltel's objections to 3 Rivers discovery. (3/11/08)
2. CC 96-45, WC 05-337 – The FCC seeks comments on long-term comprehensive high-cost universal service reform, reverse auctions and the identical support mechanism – Discuss the filing of comments. (3/11/08)
3. Placeholder - N2007.5.50 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) – 2007 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – If MDU files responses to outstanding questions, discussion would include allowing MDEQ and the MCC to file comments and, in turn, allow MDU to reply; and discussion of any and all other matters as necessary. (3/11/08)
4. D2006.1.2 – PSC Initiated - Review of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s electric and natural gas universal systems benefit programs – Discuss and act on replacement procedural schedule and hearing date. (3/11/08)
5. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy (NWE) – Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – (1) Consider and act on NWE's Motion in Limine; (2) Consider and act on CELP's Motion to Consolidate this docket with D2003.8.109. (3/11/08)
6. L-08.1.1-RUL – Amendment and repeal of various rules pertaining to public utilities, electricity suppliers and natural gas suppliers – Consider adoption of the rules proposed in MAR Notice 38-2-201. (3/11/08)
7. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval for Bryan Baldwin to attend the annual MISO Stakeholders Meeting, April 15-17, Indianapolis. (3/11/08)

Other Meetings**3/14/08 10:00 a.m. – BPA consultation meeting re: BPA’s WP-07 supplemental rate case initial proposal, proposed Average System Cost Methodology and re-establishing the Residential Exchange Program (Bollinger Room)**

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

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1. Qwest N2008.2.18 (Scott)

On February 29, 2008, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 08-AC01. In this filing Qwest is introducing Facility Signaling Point of Interconnection (FSPOI) and is clarifying language regarding Common Channel Signaling Access Capability (CCSAC) multiplexing to be consistent with provisioning processes.

2. Citizens Telecommunications N2008.3.20 (Scott)

On March 4, 2008, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-02, Frontier Digital Phone Essentials. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Frontier Digital Phone Essentials bundled service. This bundle will be available to all residential customers. The Company requests that this filing become effective on April 5, 2008.

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.

1. Russell L. Doty and Qwest Customers v. Qwest D2006.10.143 (Jim)

On February 28, 2008, the Commission issued Protective Order 6811g at Qwest Corporation's request governing financial information pertaining to Qwest's high cost wire centers in Montana.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.2.17 – PSC Initiated – Investigation of Qwest Corporation's Apparent Noncompliance with Order 5535g in Docket No. 90.12.86 Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits

N2008.2.18 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 08-AC01, Introduce Facility Signaling Point of Intersection (FSPOI) and Clarify Language Regarding Common Channel Signaling Access Capability (CCSAC) Multiplexing to Be Consistent with Provisioning Processes

D2008.3.19 – Qwest Corporation and Syniverse Technologies, Inc. – Application for Approval of Wireline Interconnection Agreement

N2008.3.20 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana – Advice Letter No. MT-08-02, Introduce Frontier Digital Phone Essentials Bundled Service