

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 08-03-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 17, 2008  
Commission Meeting: March 18, 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.

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. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 08-AC01 in Docket N2008.2.18.

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. Probable Motion: Approve Citizen's advice letter No. MT-08-02 in docket N2008.3.20.

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

1. D2008.1.6 – PSC Investigation of Qwest rates, schedules and terms and conditions of service – Consider and rule on Joint (Qwest, MCC and Complainants in Qwest customers formal complaint – D2006.10.143) Motion for extension of time. (03/18/08)
2. D2007.8.96 – Cut Bank Gas – Gas Cost Tracking True-up – Discuss and provide direction to staff. (08/18/08)
3. D2003.8.109 – Montana Consumer Counsel – Investigation of NorthWestern Energy's Financial and Related Transactions with NorthWestern Corporation, its Affiliates and creditors that May Impair its Financial Solvency and Public Utility Service Obligations – Discuss going-forward procedure and provide direction to staff regarding same and related matters. (03/18/08)

4. E-filing – Update the Commission on status of e-filing and upcoming e-filing requirement for Utility Division dockets. (03/18/08)

### **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. Qwest Corporation N2008.3.23 (Gary)

On March 10, 2008 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Progressive Casualty Insurance Company (Progressive). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. The MSA is the result of Qwest's response to Progressive which was seeking prices for their services and future service needs. The services purchased by Edward Jones are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

2. Qwest Corporation N2008.3.21 (Gary)

On March 7, 2008 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. (Edward Jones). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. The MSA is the result of Qwest's response to Edward Jones which was seeking prices for their services and future service needs. The services purchased by Edward Jones are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities D2007.9.107  
(Dave)

On March 11, 2008, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) asked for Montana PSC permission to waive Section 2a of its Rate 88 tariff that specifies that the gas tracking adjustment be implemented on a bills rendered basis. MDU is implementing its Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system and some customers may receive bills that are longer or shorter than the normal cycle of approximately 30 days. Starting April 1, 2008, MDU would like to issue bills on a service rendered basis rather than on a bills rendered basis and continue this through June 30, 2008. MDU will issue a tariff change request if they decide to continue this on a permanent basis.

**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.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2007.7.82 (Al)

On March 11, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that has been provided to NWE's expert in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection of its forecasted Montana financial data concerning NWE's expenses for the years 2008 through 2012. NWE asserts that the information is confidential as trade secret and is prohibited from selective disclosure by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation FD.

**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**

N2008.3.21 – Qwest Corporation and Edward D. Jones & Co, L.P. – Individual Case Basis Agreement

D2008.3.22 – MTPCS, LLC dab Chinook Wireless and Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement  
N2008.3.23 – Qwest Corporation and Progressive Casualty Insurance Company – Amended Multi-State Agreement  
D2008.3.24 – Qwest Corporation and New Cingular Wireless Service PCS – Application for Approval of Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement