

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-04-15**

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Commission Meeting: April 15, 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. Citizens N2008.3.29 (Scott)

On March 26, 2008, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-04, Administrative Cleanup. The purpose of this administrative filing is to include Frontier Business Unlimited language within the Trunk Lines (PBX) and key System Lines on page 67 and to remove Frontier Business Unlimited language in item H on page 84.41. The Company requests this filing become effective April 27, 2008. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-08-04 in Docket N2008.3.29.

2. Central Montana Communications N2008.3.32 (Scott)

On March 28, 2008, Central Montana Communications (CMT) requested modifications to its tariffs. These modifications are as follows: 1) New service, 2) Replacement of Existing Facilities, and 3) Common Access Extensions. Probable Motion: Approve CMT's requested modifications in Docket N2008.3.32

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

1. D2008.1.3 – Qwest Corporation/Ronan Telephone Company/Hot Springs Telephone Company – Referral from U.S. District Court to address payment responsibility – Discuss parties' briefs and act on jurisdictional questions. (4/15/08)
2. D2007.2.18 – MTPCS, LLC dba Chinook Wireless – Application for designation as an ETC – Discuss any and all matters related to the final order designating Chinook as an ETC. (4/15/08)
3. Placeholder - D2006.1.2 – PSC Investigation and Direction on Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Electric and Natural Gas Universal Systems Benefit Programs – Discuss MDU/AARP stipulation and receive direction from the Commission regarding the hearing date of May 8 in Billings. (4/15/08)
4. D2007.8.96 – Cut Bank Gas – Application for Approval of True-Up of Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment – Get direction or decision on draft final order. (4/15/08)

5. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Phase II Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design – Discuss any and all matters, procedural and otherwise, related to NWE’s request to use a collaborative process in place of a contested case process. (4/15/08)
6. D2007.12.152 – Two Dot Wind, LLC – Petition to have PSC establish terms and conditions for a QF contract with NorthWestern Energy – Preliminary discussion of any and all aspects of the case and high-level direction to staff regarding drafting a final order. (4/15/08)

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. NorthWestern Corporation (NOR) Docket N2007.8.97 (Eric)

On August 20, 2007, NWE filed an application for approval of its proposed Rule 16 – Electric Net Metering to be included in its Electric Tariff. On September 4, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Opportunity to Comment and Deadline to Request Hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The purpose of the tariff is to codify the current net metering policy of NorthWestern Energy.

2. Sprint N2008.4.34 (Scott)

On April 7, 2008, Sprint requested changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. Sprint requested the following changes: 1) Remove Clarity Option C-1 FONCARD, Option M-2 FONCARD and VPN services as there are no longer any customers on these services, 2) Rename two services, 3) Update information in the Airlines/Sprint Partnership Program, 4) Insert grandfather dates which were inadvertently missed when certain services were grandfathered, 5) Grandfather the Qualified Residential (Satellite Locations) for Sprint Block of Time Service and Sprint Business Adjustable Rates Plan, 6) Remove the Term Commitment Discount Schedule for Real Solutions services and add the reference the interstate schedule, 7) Remove the interstate MRC for Sprint Block of Time and add the reference to the interstate schedule, 8) Remove the Sprint Voice Solutions Dedicated Foncard which was never offered as a product, 9) Remove the Toll Free MRC for Real Solutions VPN which is an interstate charge, 10) Remove the Toll Free MRC for Voice Solutions VPN which is an interstate charge, 11) Standardize the Foncard surcharge for Real Solutions Annual and Real Solutions Annual II services, and 12) Make miscellaneous text changes. Sprint respectfully requests for this tariff filing to become effective April 28, 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. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2007.7.82 (AI)

On April 10, 2008, the Commission granted NWE's motion for a protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that has been

provided to NWE's expert in this docket. Specifically, the Commission granted protection to NWE's forecasted Montana financial data concerning NWE's projected expenses for the years 2008 through 2012 as trade secret.

2. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2006.6.94/D2007.6.59 (A)

On April 10, 2008, the Commission granted NWE's amended motion for a protective order to govern access to details of monthly coal cost information and supporting documentation for the period April 2006 to March 2007 as trade secret.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.4.33 – Qwest Corporation and Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC – Application for Approval of Wireline Interconnection Agreement
N2008.4.34 – Sprint Nextel – Changes to Sprint Communications Company L.P. Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1