

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 10-02-09**

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Commission Meeting: February 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the latter 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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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. AT&T Communications N2010.1.6 (Scott)

On January 21, 2010, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2010-01 to withdraw its Directory Link Service from the Consumer Long Distance Tariff. AT&T requests an effective date of February 22, 2010. Probable Motion: Approve AT&T's Tariff Transmittal 2010-01 in Docket N2010.1.6.

2. Qwest Corporation N2010.1.8 (Gary)

On January 25, 2010, Qwest Corporation filed a Petition for Waiver of the Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 in CC Docket No. 99-200. A waiver of the FCC's requirements would allow Neustar, the national Pooling Administrator, to provide one new thousand block of numbers to Qwest Corporation in the Bozeman Rate Center in order to satisfy a specific customer request from Qwest Communications Corporation, LLC. The FCC rules do allow for a waiver of rules when there is such a specific customer request. This waiver process ("safety valve process") is addressed in FCC 01-362, paragraphs 57-66, which delegates waiver authority to state commissions. Probable Motion: Move to approve the Qwest Corporation Petition for Waiver in Docket No. N2010.1.8 and instruct the Pooling Administrator to issue an appropriate 1000 number block to Qwest Corporation in the Bozeman Rate Center.

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

1. D2010.1.9 – Big Mountain Water Company – Application to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Flathead County, Montana, Service Area – Discuss Big Mountain Water Company's request for a partial waiver of ARM 38.5.106. (2/9/10)
2. D2008.6.88 – PSC Initiated – Complaint against Basic Access Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Charges on Customers' Telecommunications Bills – Consider dismissing the formal complaint and closing the docket. (2/9/10)

3. Placeholder – D2009.9.129 and D2007.7.82 (Phase II) – NorthWestern Energy – Applications for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates and Implement Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design Proposals – Discuss and act on outstanding objections to data requests and objections to data responses. (2/9/10)
4. D2007.11.131 – Whitehall Wind, LCC – Complaint against NorthWestern Energy for Failure to Submit Annual Avoided Cost Rate Information – Discuss/act on Whitehall Wind’s Motion to Compel additional compliance information. (2/9/10)

Other Meetings

2/11/2010 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar, “How to Persuade Customers to Use Energy More Efficiently: The Pros and Cons of Potential Rate Design Options”

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.

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.

1. Qwest Corporation Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreement at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreement, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.6, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1.) Qwest Corporation/Keybank National Association – Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Keybank National Association (Keybank) have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Keybank.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2010.1.9 – Big Mountain Water Company – Application to Increase Rates in its Flathead County, Montana, Service Area

D2010.2.10 – PPL Energy Plus, LLC – Petition for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource

D2010.2.11 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink and Partners Telecom, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement