

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 10-02-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 22, 2010
Commission Meeting: February 23, 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. CenturyTel D2006.10.152 (Gary)

CenturyTel of Montana, LLC and Bresnan Digital Services, LLC - Interconnection Agreement Amendment

CenturyTel filed for approval by the Commission an application for the "Approval of the Second Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Between CenturyTel of Montana, Inc., and Bresnan Digital Service, LLC" in Docket No. D2006.10.152. This amendment regards Letters of Authorization to access CPNI information and establishes a CSR search charge. This amendment was voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved. **Probable Motion:** Move to approve the interconnection agreement amendment between CenturyTel of Montana, LLC and Bresnan Digital Services, LLC in Docket No. D2006.10.152.

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

1. D2009.11.148, D2009.11.149, D2009.11.150 – Qwest Corporation; Navigator Telecommunications, LLC; Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Montana Opticom, LLC – Applications for Approval of Interconnection Agreements – Discuss and act on the agreements. (2/23/10)
2. D2009.9.19 – AquaFlo, LLC – General rate case – Discuss and act on proposed stipulation for interim rates. (2/23/10)
3. Economic Study request to NorthWestern Energy – Discuss possible request to NorthWestern Energy to study a high DSM scenario in the next transmission planning cycle. (2/23/10)
4. Dr. Paul Williamson, Rev. Dr. Vern Klingman and Russell Doty – Petition/Complaint Regarding Alleged Streetlighting Overcharges by NorthWestern Energy and Proposing Certain Relief – Consider the filing and, if accepted and treated as a formal complaint, serve the filing on NorthWestern Energy. (2/23/10)

Other Meetings**2/25/2010 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar: “The Expanding Universe of Utility Regulation: ‘Public Interest’ and the Elements of Authority”**

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

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1. Verizon N2010.2.16 (Scott)

On February 15, 2010, Verizon filed Transmittal Letter No. 10-01, Grandfather Saving Plans. Verizon Business proposes to grandfather the Business B2 \$45 Certificate Plan, Business B2 \$55 Certificate Plan, and Business B2 \$75 Certificate Plan.

2. CenturyLink N2010.2.17 (Scott)

On February 15, 2010, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 10-01. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a new Business Customer Incentive Program Save Offer.

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. D2009.9.129 (A)

On February 17, 2010, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain information that has been requested by data requests in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection of its “projections for income, gross margins, consolidated margins, loads and customers, OA&G expenses, rate base estimates, segment returns, credit and financial metrics, and cash flow for NWE’s Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska operations for the years 2010 through 2013.” NWE asserts that the information is trade secret.

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

D2010.2.12 – Chris Frideres – Complaint against NorthWestern Energy
D2010.2.13 – Qwest Corporation and Pacific Telecom Communications Group, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement
D2010.2.14 – Petition of Russell L. Doty, et al. Regarding Alleged Streetlighting Overcharges by NorthWestern Energy and Proposing Certain Relief
D2010.2.15 – Miller Oil Company dba The City Line – Application for Approval of Annual True-Up of Propane Cost Tracking Adjustment
N2010.2.16 – MCI Communications Services, Inc. dba Verizon Business Services – Transmittal Letter No. 10-01, Grandfather Saving Plans
N2010.2.17 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyLink – Advice Letter No. 10-01, New Business Customer Incentive Program Save Offer