

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 12-06-12

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1. Central Montana Communications, Inc. N2012.6.63 (Mike)

Central Montana Communications, Inc. (Central) has filed for approval with this Commission Tariff Revisions applicable to the Lifeline Assistance Program for Central. Included in the request is Central's formal Request to Withdraw from participation in the Montana telephone low-income assistance program effective August 1, 2012, pursuant to M.C.A. §69-3-1007.

2. Transitional Intrastate Access Charge Reductions N2012.4.42 (Gary)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Universal Service/Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order (FCC 11-161) on November 28, 2011. FCC 11-161 required a series of transitional intrastate access charge reductions for both price cap and rate of return carriers with the first reduction to be effective July 3, 2012. (The original effective date of July 1, 2012, was extended to July 3, 2012, in FCC DA 23-482, ¶15, released on March 28, 2012.)

The following companies have filed tariffs reflecting that transitional intrastate access charge reduction:

CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyLink	Filed June 1, 2012
Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC	Filed June 1, 2012
Citizens Telecommunications Co. d/b/a Frontier Communications	Filed May 25, 2012
Hot Springs Telephone Company	Filed June 5, 2012
Montana Access Coalition – Montana Access Tariff No. 1	Filed June 1, 2012
Central Montana Communications, Inc.	
Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.	
Project Telephone Company	
Southern Montana Telephone Company	
Ronan Telephone Company	Filed June 1, 2012

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. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

1. On June 4, 2012, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for a Protective Order for the protection of information contained in Tariff Transmittal No. 12-01A, specifically information described and identified as data collected to satisfy the reporting requirements, to modify CenturyLink tariffs in satisfaction of FCC-11-161 and pursuant to 47 C.F. R. §51.907(b). Specifically CenturyLink requests a standard protective order to protect claimed trade secrets in the referenced tariff filings from being publicly disclosed.

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 viewed on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2012.5.49 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for of 1) Deferred Cost Account Balances for Electricity Supply, CU4 Variable Costs/Credits, and DGGS Variable Costs/Credits; and 2) Projected Electricity Supply Cost Rate, CU4 Variable Rates, and DGGS Variable Rates
D2012.5.62 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company – Application for Rate Increase – Proposed Montana Tariff No. PSC No. 49.1, Local Tariff Applying on Petroleum Products from Billings, Montana, to Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, and Missoula, Montana
N2012.6.63 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. – Tariff Revision to Implement Withdrawal from the Montana Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program and Notice of Withdrawal from the Montana Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program
D2012.6.64 – Steven Burch – Complaint of Steven Burch vs. NorthWestern Energy