

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 2, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the 1998 Winter NARUC Meetings in Washington, D.C. They left their votes with the Commission Secretary on the following items.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(91) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of February 17, 1998 and February 23, 1998.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. and did not leave a vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(92) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Big Sky Paramedics -

Docket No. T-97.1.13;
Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the motion of Titan Enterprises to expedite discovery. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. but left written votes on the following items with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(93) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve out-of-state travel for 3 staff persons to attend the Annual NARUC Regulatory Studies Progra, August 2-14, 1998 in Michigan. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, March 6, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin, McHugh, Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(94) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PacificCorp's motion to compel answers and related matters on the electric restructuring - Docket No. D97.7.91 ; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny PacificCorp's motion to strike. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 9, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe was absent due to a speaking engagement but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was attending the New Mexico State University meetings but left

his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(95) In the matter of PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY - Docket N97.12.240; On December 18 1997, PacifiCorp filed revised tariff sheets which cancel the Company's Residential Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 6. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the revised tariff sheets. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(96) In the matter of WORLDCOM NETWORK SERVICES, INC. - Docket N98.2.30; On Feb. 20, 1998, WorldCom Network Services, Inc. filed a minor text change which changes the name WilMax Universal Service to Classic Service. This was a notice item on 3/2/98. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(97) In the matter of MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. - Docket D98.2.2; On February 17, 1998, MDU filed an application seeking authority to reserve or "shelf" up to \$200,000,000 worth of Common Stock to be issued within a two-year period for the acquisition of a business and/or its assets. Alternatively, the additional Common Stock may be issued and sold in one or more public offerings, with the proceeds being used for the acquisition of a business and/or its assets. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Default Order No. 6056. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(98) In the matter of PACIFICORP - Docket D98.2.31; On February 20, 1998, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue 15,000,000 shares of Common Stock through December 31, 1999. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Default Order No. 6057. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(99) In the matter of Docket T-97.104.PCN - On October 28, 1997 Mary Belle Harper dba V.I.P. Taxi Service, Livingston, Montana filed an application for a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessary. All protests were withdrawn after the Applicant restrictively amended the application as follows:

Class C - Passengers between all points and places in the following counties: Broadwater, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone.

Limitation: (1) Transportation is limited to the account of Livingston Memorial Hospital or their successors in interest, and (2) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the application for PCN. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(100) In the matter of Docket T-98.2.ST - On January 29, 1998, Kreiter Electric Corp. dba Vintage Bus Lines, Billings, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9400, to Vintage Bus Lines, Inc., Billings, Montana.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in the following counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Powell, Silverbow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland, and Yellowstone. Limitations: (1) Transportation must originate and terminate in Yellowstone County. (2) Transportation is restricted to service in vehicles with a rated seating capacity of fourteen (14) passengers or less. (3) Transportation is restricted to service in antique touring buses (Model year 1936 or older "White" buses). (4) Transportation in 1937 or newer motor coaches, buses, and limousines is prohibited. (5) Transportation in Virginia City and a two-mile radius is prohibited.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9400. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(101) In the matter of Docket T-98.6.AR - City of Helena, Helena, Montana, PSC No. 9377, has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1997 annual report filing.

Class D - Ashes, waste, trash, rubbish and garbage in the City of Helena, Montana, and to and from points within a radius of 35 miles of Helena, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation between points served by rail carrier or by a Class "A" motor carrier for distances beyond the radius of ten (10) miles from the City of Helena, is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the Verified Statement. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(102) In the matter of TN1912 - Clark's Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 3091 to Cody Bus Lines, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana for one year, March 25, 1998 to March 25, 1999.

Class B - Persons and baggage, in charter service, between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana, on the one hand, and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana, subject to the following: Limitations: (a) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited; (b) the charter trip must originate or terminate in Carbon County, Montana; (c) Charter service except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Class B - Passengers and baggage in charter service, (1) between all points and places in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties, and (2) from any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties to all points and places within the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Charter transportation originating or terminating in Billings, Montana, Laurel, Montana, and points and places in Yellowstone County within a fifteen (15) mile radius of Billings, Montana, and Laurel, Montana, is prohibited. (2) The following counties are excluded for origination (including pickup) of service: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Glacier, Cascade, Toole, Sanders, Teton, Pondera, Missoula, Lewis & Clark, Silver Bow, Gallatin, and Ravalli.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the continuation of the lease of PSC No. 3091 for a period of one year. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(103) In the matter of TN1913 - Tavern Express, Inc., Miles City, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9399 for a six month period, March 9, 1998 to September 9, 1998.

Class B -- passengers between all points and places in Miles City, Montana, and a ten mile radius thereof, limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight and 4:00 a.m. daily, vehicle capacity of eight passengers or less, operations in limousine service prohibited, member taverns (taverns contributing to the formation or continued maintenance of Tavern Express, Inc.) if implementing a practice of paying the fee for ridership of tavern patrons shall make every reasonable effort to use and pay the fee for ridership of tavern patrons on other common carriers authorized to transport passengers in the service area, on similar terms, when vehicles of Tavern Express, Inc., are not available to meet the convenience of patrons.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No. 9399 for a period of six months. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(104) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 2, 1998 Minutes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe was absent due to a speaking engagement but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was attending the New Mexico State University meetings but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of action needed account of legislative repeal of 69-4.511 MCA; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a proposed rulemaking to repeal PSC rules which had implemented 69-4.511 MCA. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(106) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern MT Tel and a pending motion - Docket No. D97.11.225; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny motion to revise the hearing date and directed staff to settle discovery schedule problems. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to prepare and issue a standard protective order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. As this was an extra issue not previously scheduled, Commissioners Rowe and Anderson did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck, Ron Woods

(107) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a motion from MCI to limit the scope of the proceeding - Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to reconsider the PSC previous action and grant MCI's motion to limit the scope of the proceeding to issues within the PSC jurisdiction and include Internet issues but deny motion to expedite. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

Commission continued the hearing to 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 1998 on the discovery objections.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 9, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe was absent due to a speaking engagement and did not vote on these items.
Commissioner Anderson was attending the New Mexico State University meetings and did not vote on these items.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(108) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Carol T. Place - Docket No. T97.15.PCN; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny the motion of Circle Z Enterprises to deny hearing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney, Ron Woods

(109) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Blackfoot Telephone and intraLATA toll tariffs - N98.2.27; Commissioner Oberg moved to require the filing of Blackfoot's tariffs pending final resolution of issues associated with intraLATA toll tariffs and further allow withdrawal of present intraLATA tariffs. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending the New Mexico State University meetings and did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(110) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. Flexible Pricing for Glendive, Montana - Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
 Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner
 Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave a vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(111) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending motions to amend the procedural schedule in the PacificCorp Electric Transition Plan filing - Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Montana Consumer Counsel's motion to amend procedural schedule in part as modified by staff recommendation to vacate hearing date and hold a procedural attorney's conference. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

 DAVE FISHER, Chairman

 NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

 DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

 BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
 Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 12, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
 Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
 Bob Anderson, Commissioner
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner
 Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending motions in the application of WorldCom, Inc. for approval to transfer control of MCI Communications Corporation to WorldCom, Inc. - Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action that denies WorldCom's motion to expedite, grant WorldCom's motion to limit scope and sustain and overrule discovery objections as recommended by staff and amended in discussion. Commissioner

McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 16, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was speaking in Butte and did not leave votes with the Commission Secretary.
Commissioner Rowe was speaking in Butte and left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(113) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.47; On March 2, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-07, "Introduction of Long Distance Alert." This filing introduces a new optional feature to Call Waiting called Long Distance Alert, which provides a distinctive ring and/or a distinctive call waiting tone on a line for incoming long distance calls. The feature will be deployed as a no charge option to both business and residential customers who subscribe to Call Waiting. Proprietary justification has been filed. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(114) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.49; On March 2, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-09, "Accessibility / Mobility Promotion," introducing a Promotion For Residential Additional Line and Voice Messaging. During the promotional period from April 6, 1998 through May 15, 1998, a \$15.00 credit will be offered to residence customers who order additional exchange access lines, up to 2 additional lines

per customer. During the promotional period, residential customers will also be able to order Voice Messaging Mailbox, Message Notification, and Extension Mailbox with 30 days of free service. Any applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. This promotion is available on orders placed and /or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date, and where facilities exist and are available. Proprietary justification has been filed. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(115) In the matter of USWC/CRJ COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket D98.1.7; On January 27, 1998, a Notice of Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement and Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued, notifying interested persons of the negotiated Interconnection Agreement between US WEST Communications, Inc. and CRJ Communications, Inc. which was filed on January 22, 1998 for approval with the Commission. No requests for intervention or comments were received. The Agreement must be approved within 90 days (by April 22, 1998) or it will be deemed approved. A draft order approving the Agreement has been distributed. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the issuance of the draft order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(116) In the matter of FIRSTEL, INC./USWC - Docket D98.1.15; On February 6, 1998, a Notice of Application for Approval of Resale Agreement and Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued, notifying interested persons of the negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Firstel, Inc. And US WEST Communications, Inc. which was filed on January 28, 1998 for approval with the Commission. No requests for intervention or comments were received. The Agreement must be approved within 90 days (by April 29, 1998) or it will be deemed approved. A draft order approving the Agreement has been distributed. Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the draft order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(118) In the matter of PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N98.2.44; On February 26, 1998, Project Telephone filed to introduce five new custom local area signaling services (CLASS) on a detariffed basis. The proposed new services are: caller ID name, call forward busy, call forward no answer, call rejection anonymous and last call return block to private. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the proposed new services. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(119) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.42; On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed revisions to its access tariff to reflect the deregulation of US West payphone services and to ensure that payphone services are offered to all payphone providers under equal terms and conditions. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the

revisions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(120) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.43; On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed revisions to its private line transport tariff to reflect the deregulation of US West payphone services and to ensure that payphone services are offered to all payphone providers under equal terms and conditions. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the revisions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(121) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.33; On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Montana Access Services Tariff. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(122) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.34; On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Private Line Transport Tariff. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(123) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.35; On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Exchange and Network Services Tariff. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(124) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.45; On March 2, 1998, MCI filed tariff pages to remove FCC verbiage and add state specific rates for the Basic Calling Plan Option; and to grandfather Option Y (homeMCI One). Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(125) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.48; On March 2, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a residential and a business flat rate option to the existing 1-800 US WEST Calling Service. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(126) In the matter of PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. (PTI) - Docket N98.2.38; On February 25, 1998, Pacific Telecom, Inc. (PTI) filed Tariff Advice 98-1 with revisions to PSC Mont. No. 11 tariff and to the Exchange Services Price List. The filing changes the rates for Custom Calling II services, eliminating the differential for business and residential services and revising rates. The minimum rate is being lowered for some services. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve

Tariff Advice 98-1.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Commissioner Rowe
voted aye.

(127) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.46; On March 2, 1998, US WEST filed a request to extend until December 31, 1998, the Market Trial of the optional flat rated intraLATA calling plan called "The Better Deal". The initial period of the trial was for a period of six months starting 9/15/97. USWC seeks an extension of the period to 12/31/98. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the extension request. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(128) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel and staffing; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for David Burchett to conduct Montana Dakota Utilities auditing in Bismarck, North Dakota. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve staffing reorganization and grade changes for Rachael Thompson to a Grade 11, Debbie Waples to a Grade 10 and full-time employment for Lori Sandru. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(129) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L's Transition Plan - Motion for staff to review customer education material - Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant PP&L's motion on consumer education review by the Montana Public Service Commission before issuance of final order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(130) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.53; On March 9, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-10, "800 ServiceLine-Price Changes." This filing reflects price changes by eliminating the non-recurring charge for customers ordering 800 ServiceLine as a new service. The monthly rate for 800 ServiceLine will be reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00, and the hourly rate will be reduced from \$12.00 to \$9.00. This 800 ServiceLine option provides a customer an 800 number to be associated with the local access line for incoming intraLATA calls. The rates for 800 ServiceLine include a monthly rate and an hourly rate for interrelate usage. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve tariff transmittal 98-10. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(131) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of March 9, 1998 and March 16, 1998. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted

aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Robin McHugh, Ron Woods, Kate Whitney

(132) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Stargate Communications-USWC Interconnection Agreement and certain amendments to said agreement - Docket No. D97.10.209; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject certain amendments to the interconnection agreement consistent with the Commission's previous determination. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(133) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC and the use of the service quality penalty fund - Docket No. N98.3.65; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the notice inviting comments on the use of service quality penalty funds. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company DSI digital switched service tariff filing - Docket No. D98.2.36; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject Ronan's request to offer digital switched service on a deregulated basis but approve

it on a tariffed basis.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye; Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 1+ rulemaking - Docket No. L-97.9.7-RUL; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the proposed rules. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Jay Driscoll

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L line extension - Docket No. D98.2.29; Commissioner Rowe moved to notice the tariff filing and provide an opportunity for intervention and comment. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 26, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(137) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of WorldCom, Inc. for approval to transfer control of MCI Communications Corp. to WorldCom, Inc. - Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner

Rowe moved to deny GTE's objections to applicant's proposed protective order and grant WorldCom's proposed protective order adjusted to standard PSC language. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 30, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(138) In the matter of PACIFICORP - Docket D98.3.56; On March 10, 1998, PacifiCorp filed for authority to issue promissory notes for not more than \$1,500,000,000 under revolving credit agreements and not more than \$1,500,000,000 under other borrowing arrangements. The Company is also requesting authority to issue and sell its commercial paper in principal amounts not to exceed \$1,500,000,000 outstanding at any one time. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Default Order No. 6058. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(139) In the matter of Docket T-98.7.PCN -- On February 26, 1998 the Anaconda Chamber of

Commerce, Anaconda, Montana, filed an application amending its authority under PSC No. 9146 as follows:

Current Authority:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Anaconda, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.
 Limitations: Transportation is limited to that annual service between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Authority Sought:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Anaconda, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.
 Limitations: Transportation is limited to that annual service between June 14 and September 12.

No protests were filed.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the amended authority request. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(140) In the matter of Docket T-98.4.ST -- On February 26, 1998 Bill H. Severns & Denise B. Severns dba Ravalli Motor Freight, Corvallis, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 646, to Ravalli Motor Freight, LLC, Polson, Montana.

SUB A Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from all points and places in Ravalli County to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to points and places in Ravalli County.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 646. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(141) In the matter of Docket T-98.5.ST -- On February 24, 1998 Marvin E. Mintyala dba City Garbage and Mr. "M" Disposal, Lewistown, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 3819, to Griffin Phoenix, Inc., Billings, Montana.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putresible and non- putresible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned waste

between all points and places in the following counties: Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell and Petroleum. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

SUB C Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non- putrescible solid wastes,
garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste,
between all points and places in the following counties: Chouteau, Meagher, Teton, Pondera, Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Daniels, Valley, and Phillips,
and between all points and places in the following counties: Garfield (except within the community of Jordan), Sheridan (except within the town of Plentywood, Montana, and to and from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said town), Cascade (except within the corporate limits of the City of Great Falls and suburban area within a radius of ten mile thereof).
Limitations: Transportation of garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste from litter cans located upon the public highways is prohibited in the following counties: Garfield, Treasure, Rosebud, Powder River, Fallon, Custer, Prairie, and Wibaux.
Limitations: Transportation within Fort Benton, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius is prohibited, carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

SUB D Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes,
garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste,
between all points and places in the following counties: McCone, Roosevelt, Dawson (except within the community of Glendive and a radius of five miles thereof) and Richland (except within the community of Sidney).
Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.
Limitations: Transportation of garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste from litter cans located upon the public highways is prohibited in the following counties: Richland, McCone and Dawson.

SUB E Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes,
garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned waste

within the town of Fort Benton, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

No protests were received.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 3819. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(142) In the matter of Docket T98.8.AR -- Lynn J. Labatte dba L & L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana, PSC No. 5039, has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1997 annual report filing.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste within the City of Culbertson, and a 20 mile radius thereof.

SUB A Class D - Garbage within the town of Bainville, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the Verified Statement. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(143) In the matter of TN1915 -- Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana requests permission to continue the suspension of PSC No. 9270 from March 14, 1998 to May 23, 1998.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Virginia City and a two mile radius thereof.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to continue the suspension. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin, Centralized Services Division

(144) In the matter of Approval of May 1998 Commission Calendar. Commissioner McCaffree moved to accept the May 1998 calendar. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes on certain issues as noted.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Scott Fabel

(145) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Rate Restructuring and pending motions - Docket No. D97.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Northwest Pay Telephone's motion to compel on Data Request Nos. 61, 68 and 69. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Anderson left no vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(146) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MCI/WorldCom's merger and pending motions - Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny GTE's motion and affirm its previous decision on scope and discovery issues. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-1-0. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented. Commissioner Anderson abstained.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, David Burchett

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cascade Gas Company's rate case and pending motions - Docket No. D97.12.228; Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend the procedural schedule and vacate the hearing date granting the MCC motion. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(148) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone Company's revision of carrier access rates and pending motions -- Docket No. D97.11.225; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Southern Montana Telephone's motion to amend application. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left written vote of aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(149) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of post hearing discussion of proposed railroad rules repeal - Docket No. L-97.12.8-RUL; Commissioner Oberg moved to adopt and publish the final rule repealing certain railroad rules. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left written vote of aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and left written votes.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(150) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L's Transition Plan and pending motions -- Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny Pacificorp's motion for reconsideration of the Commission's decision granting MCC's motion to vacate the hearing date, and grant Pacificorp's alternative to file responsive testimony and approve a revised procedural schedule with an August hearing date. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, David Burchett, Joel Tierney

(151) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of rules associated with the repeal of 69-4-511, MCA. Commissioner moved Rowe to reconsider a previous decision and issue a Notice of Opportunity to Intervene and to Comment on the issue of water customer service lines. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Anderson left no vote.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the WorldCom/MCI merger -- Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action denying GTE's supplement to its renewed motion to compel. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC restructuring transition docket - Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the notice of issue of 21 mill buy back on sale of generation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson left no vote.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, left written votes and proxy with Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Robin McHugh, Scott Fabel

(154) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of motions in USWC rate restructuring docket and the Commission's further consideration of its previous decision in view of response and reply comments of USWC and Northwest Payphone Association -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to affirm its previous decision in granting Northwest Payphone Association's motion to compel responses to NWPA Nos. 61, 68 and 69. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioners McCaffree, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Fisher dissented. Commissioner Anderson voted aye through proxy cast by Commissioner Rowe on his behalf.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)