

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 4, 1998, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(198) In the matter of WORLDCOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.- Docket N98.4.83; On April 15, 1998, WorldCom Technologies, Inc. filed tariff revisions to grandfather WorldMark Service. This service is no longer available to new customers as of April 22, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the revisions to grandfather WorldMark Service. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(199) In the matter of Docket T-98.8.ST; On March 25, 1998 James E. Michael dba Kalispell Taxi Service, Kalispell, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 56, to Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana.

Class B - Persons, baggage and express within the City of Kalispell, Montana and between points and places tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said City of Kalispell.

SUB A Class B - Persons within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said city.

SUB C Class B - Persons and hand luggage as a common carrier, between all points and places within the town of Kalispell, Montana.

No protests were received.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request for transfer of PSC No. 56. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(200) In the matter of TN1922; On April 27, 1998, Griffin Phoenix, Inc., Billings, Montana, PSC No. 3819, filed a request to amend its name to Griffin Phoenix, Inc. dba Eagle Services, Billings, Montana. Copies of the Class D authorities are available upon request.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the name change for PSC No. 3819. 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

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, May 5, 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

(201) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sanitation, Inc -- Docket No. T-97.91PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the substitution of Griffen Phoenix for Mr. M and deny the motion for reopening the hearing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(202) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Dialing Parity -- approve of protective order -- Docket No. D98.4.86; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the protective order as drafted. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(203) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing issues -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant USWC's request that Daniel Runyon be denied access to proprietary material. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe also moved to grant late intervention to TCG and LCI.
Commissioner Anderson
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(204) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Megabit --
Docket No. N98.3.67;
Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to draft a document approving the
USWC introduction
of MegaBit on a deregulated basis. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion,
which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

(205) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's EAS (extended
area of service) issues
and related USWC issues -- Docket Nos. D97.10.206, D96.2.220 and D96.8.131;
Commissioner
Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an accounting order for a July 1
implementation of previously
approved depreciation rates. 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 Wednesday, May 6, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioners McCaffree and Oberg were absent and did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang, Scott Fabel

(206) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing and USWC's objections to data requests -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny objections to data requests other than those concerning Section 271, which will be dealt with separately. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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, May 6, 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

(207) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Order No. 5982b as the Commission's findings on pending motions on USWC's completeness in its 47 USC Section 271(c) filing. 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 Thursday, May 7, 1998, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Bob Rowe was on the road for the MPC satellite hearings and left proxy with Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(208) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing issues -- Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant AT&T's motion to file prehearing briefs by June 19, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In addition, Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny US West's general objection #2 and related

objections to 272 discovery. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye on both motions.

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, May 8, 1998, the following members were present:

- Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Danny Oberg, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Dave Fisher was absent and left proxy to Commissioner Oberg.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(209) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing issues -- Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny objections of USWC to joint intervenors and 6b of Skyland Technologies. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher's proxy 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 Monday, May 11, 1998, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(210) In the matter of CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N98.4.87; On April 23, 1998, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed tariff revisions as follows: Section IV - Proposing a charge for line extensions greater than 2,500 feet (reduced from 5,000 feet); Section V - Offering unlimited Internet usage for \$19.95 and capping overtime charges for Plan 1 Internet use. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the line extension portion of the tariff revision. On the internet portion take no action pending discussion by staff and legal. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(211) In the matter of Docket T98.12.AR; Security Armored Express, Inc., Helena, Montana, PSC No. 899, has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1997 annual report filing.

Class C - Property, in the City of Great Falls, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto. Limitations: The transportation of property (except household goods) between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited.

SUB A Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the verified statement. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(212) In the matter of TN1923; Intermountain Tariff Bureau, Inc., Bountiful, Utah has filed a request to cancel its 5-A (Anti-Trust) Tariff Agreement on file with this Commission.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve cancellation of the 5-A Tariff Agreement. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(213) In the matter of TN1924; Michels Trucking, Inc., Plentywood, Montana, requests cancellation of PSC No. 1351 effective immediately.

Class C - Property within the town of Plentywood, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB A Class C - Equipment used in the production of oil and gas, including tubular goods, tanks, tank batteries, treaters, pumping units and similar equipment, materials, and supplies used in the production of oil and gas, EXCLUDING the transportation of oil drilling rigs, or components thereof between all points and places within the town of Plentywood and a 50 mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Oberg moved to cancel PSC No. 1351. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(214) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the minutes for the weeks of April 20, April 27 and May 4, 1998. 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, May 11, 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, Kate Whitney

(215) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Win Back -- Docket No. D97.12.243; Commissioner Anderson moved to reject the tariff without prejudice. 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

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, May 11, 1998, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Joel Tierney

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Glacier Electric and Flathead Electric Cooperative Transition Plans -- Docket No. D98.5.95 and D98.5.96; In Docket No. D98.5.96, Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action certifying

receipt of the transition plan as in accordance with SB 390 (the Montana Customer Choice Act). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Docket No. D98.5.96, Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action certifying the transition plan is in accordance with SB 390 (the Montana Customer Choice Act). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Denise Peterson, Joel Tierney, Will Rosquist

(217) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Russell B. Hill's letter challenging the MPC dam sale -- Docket No. N98.5.98; Commissioner Anderson moved to draft a response to the Hill letter with a letter under Chair's signature which incorporates staff recommendations as clarified by Commissioner Anderson which states the current MPC restructuring docket would be the best option for Mr. Hill to litigate the concerns of his principles. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Dan Elliott, Mike Lee

(218) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to accept the invitation of MCI for demonstration of OSS systems in Denver, Colorado, for six staff members. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Anderson dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to deny USWC's objections and adopt staff resolution that allows USWC to respond to Excel data requests not later than May 18, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(219) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC electric restructuring and customer education issues -- Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Anderson moved to indicate to MPC that their counteroffer for labeling of educational materials is acceptable provided there is no reference to PSC staff approval. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which failed on a 2-3 vote. Commissioners Anderson and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Rowe dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize a message that indicates PSC staff review. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which failed on a 2-3 vote. Commissioners Rowe and Oberg voted aye. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Anderson dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to indicate to MPC that educational materials may have a disclaimer but no reference to PSC staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(220) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel for Robin McHugh to "Antitrust in Energy Markets" and one attorney to NARUC attorney's subcommittee in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the out-of-state travel. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Dan Elliott

(221) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - AT&T's arbitration -- Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the joint motion of USWC and AT&T for extending and vacating certain procedural dates and deadlines. 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 Wednesday, May 13, 1998, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Anderson was absent and left no vote. Commissioner Rowe was absent but left proxy with various commissioners for the first two dockets and a written vote on the last docket.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(222) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny USWC objections to Eclipse's data requests. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy as aye.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Karen Hammel, Dan Elliott

(223) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of WorldCom/MCI Merger and procedural motions -- Docket No. D97.10.191; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny the objections of GTE to WorldCom data requests except No. 1 if it is clarified to limit use, No. 21, and further limitations to 10, 11, 12 and 16 substituting "or" for "and." Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy as "aye".

Commissioner Oberg moved to adjust the procedural schedule to move the hearing date to June 2, 1998 with other dates adjusted accordingly. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed

by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy as aye.

(224) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T and USWC's arbitration -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner McCaffree moved to allow the chair to enter into a consultant contract with Ron Woods for not more than \$5,000. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe left a written vote of aye on this issue.

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 Monday, May 18, 1998, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(225) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.91; On April 28, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-18 "Clean-Up Filing-Release Numbers." The filing corrects inconsistent Release Numbers impacted by the delay of approval of the Residential WinBack Tariff, and the order in which Start Up Business revisions and Coin Deregulation were approved. This was a notice item on 5/11/98. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(226) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.92; On April 28, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a surcharge of \$.30 on those 1-800-US WEST Calling Card completed calls which originate from pay phones. On October 7, 1997, the FCC mandated a \$.284 payment to payphone providers for dial around access. Dial around access includes 1-800 calls and 10XXX calls. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(227) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.90; On April 28, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-17 to add the description for Residence Voice Messaging Service, Extension Mailbox, to the definition section of the tariff. The service and the rates for the service were approved by the Commission in Docket N98.1.9. The definition was

inadvertently omitted at that time. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(228) In the matter of Docket T-98.3.PCN; On February 18, 1998, Mark McKell dba McKell Brothers Hauling, Billings, Montana filed application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class B - Household goods between all points and places in Yellowstone County, Montana.

Applicant has filed a motion to withdraw the application. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the motion for withdrawal. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(229) In the matter of TN1925; Manly R. Gauger dba City Delivery Service, Billings, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 1571 for a six month period, April 23, 1998 to October 23, 1998.

Class C - Property within the City of Billings, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

SUB A Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Billings, Montana and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Billings and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

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, May 18, 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

(230) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of interconnection agreements and amendments in Dockets D97.7.135, D97.10.207, D97.12.246, D97.12.247, D98.1.2, D98.3.55, D98.3.59 and D98.3.61.

In Docket D98.3.55 and D98.3.59, Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Docket D97.12.246, D97.12.247 and D97.10.207, Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Docket D97.3.61, Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the staff draft of an order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Docket D97.7.135, Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft of an order on Tel-Net Interconnections Agreement. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Docket D98.1.2, Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft of an order rejecting certain interconnection provisions. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(231) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant in part and deny in part USWC's objection to certain MCI employees having access to proprietary information. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant intervenors four additional days, adjusting procedural schedule accordingly. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to attempt to work with parties to resolve discovery response disputes, amendments to procedural schedules, and supply commissioners with a list of data requests filed late and those not filed yet. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
 Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(232) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's motion for reconsideration on 21-mill

buy-back -- Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the request for reconsideration by a notice of commission action. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(233) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the utility notice rule and the Commission's discussion of a draft rule for publication under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act -- Docket No. L-98.5.1-RUL. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a proposed rule requiring utilities to notify their customers of certain rate changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Bonnie Lorang

(234) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications Internet Tariff -- Docket No. N98.4.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing reducing certain internet charges. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(235) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC depreciation and review of a draft final order approving the second phase depreciation and accounting mechanism -- Docket No. D96.8.131; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the final order setting revised rates on account of depreciation expense revisions. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(236) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Rate Rebalancing (motion for extension of time to file briefs) -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion for an extension of briefing schedule by two days. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a letter to Ronan Telephone -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice requesting the parties to Citizens Advisory Committee both substantively and procedurally. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Kate Whitney

(237) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Win-Back -- Docket No. D97.12.243; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the final order denying USWC's "win-back" tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Dan Elliott, Kate Whitney

(238) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the USWC 271 filing (USWC's objection to MCI's invitation to visit service center) -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny USWC's objection to staff travel to Denver and grant USWC's proposal to visit their facilities in conjunction with the MCI facility visit. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg dissented.

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, May 20, 1998, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Danny Oberg was absent but left proxy to Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Karen Hammel

(239) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to vacate the present hearing date and direct staff to develop a revised procedural schedule around a mid-August hearing date. Commissioner McCaffree

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner Oberg's proxy vote as 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 Thursday, May 21, 1998, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Oberg was absent, but left his proxy to Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel, Wendy Fuller

(240) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Forward Looking Cost Proxy Model -- Docket No. D97.9.167; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt an order recommending Bench Cost Proxy Model. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner Oberg's proxy vote as 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, May 26, 1998, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(241) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS -- Docket No. N98.5.102; On May 7, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-22 to correct an error in the side-bar coding in regard to Extension Mailbox. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(242) In the matter of T-98.11.RI; Carol T. Place dba Great Falls Historic Trolley, Ulm, Montana, PSC No. 9382, has filed a request to increase rates and charges in Passenger Tariff #1 of between zero (0) and sixty-seven (67) percent, applying on adult and children passenger rates. Protests were due on May 21, 1998 and no protests were received.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Great Falls, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Limitations: Transportation is restricted to that provided by replica motorized trolley. Carrier is restricted from additionally providing off-vehicle guided tours of historical and natural attractions in conjunction with the transportation fare.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(243) In the matter of the approval of the July 1998 Commission Calendar; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the July 1998 Commission calendar. 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 Wednesday, May 27, 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

(244) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company's motion for late intervention -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant intervention to the Consumer Advisory Committee provided it does not broaden or delay proceeding. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which failed on a 2-3 vote. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Ronan Telephone Company's intervention. Motion died for lack of a second.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(245) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company's reconsideration -- Docket No. N98.2.36; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion for reconsideration and deny the offering of service on a detariffed basis. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson 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

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, May 27, 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

(246) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kate Whitney's attendance at the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting in San Diego, California. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the attendance of Kate Whitney at the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(247) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Commission's authorization to pay \$5,400 toward Commissioner Rowe's participation in the Kennedy School of Government Programs for Senior Executives in State Government. Commissioner Oberg moved to authorize the Commission to pay \$5,400 toward Commissioner Rowe's participation. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

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)