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PSC WANTS US WEST TO EXPLAIN DELAY IN PROVIDING
EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING REGIONS

The state Public Service Commission will meet Monday, April 14, with officials of US West Communications to discuss the company's plan for implementation of expanded local calling regions in Montana. The informational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Bollinger Room at the PSC, 1701 Prospect Avenue in Helena.

The meeting was prompted by US West's disclosure last week that seven of the eight expanded local calling regions will not be up and running until this fall. The PSC had expected all eight regions to be implemented this spring.

The new local calling regions were approved by the PSC in February. US West informed the PSC last week that local calling in the Great Falls region will be implemented by May 22, but it will be September before the Butte, Billings and Helena regions are implemented; October for the West Glacier, Bozeman and West Yellowstone regions; and November for the Missoula region.

At Monday's meeting, US West will present its implementation plan and answer questions about it from commissioners.

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