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**PSC TO HOLD WORKSHOP JUNE 29 REGARDING
INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a workshop Tuesday, June 29, in Helena to discuss issues related to intercarrier compensation in the telecommunications industry. The afternoon workshop will begin at 1 p.m. in the PSC's Bollinger Conference Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue.

Intercarrier payments are made from one carrier to another to support the cost of the telephone network that all carriers use to serve their customers. A variety of technology and policy changes are disrupting the way this system currently works. The issues are especially sensitive for rural communities.

According to PSC Chairman Bob Rowe, "This very tough set of issues is inextricably connected to the current debate over how to deal with Voice Over Internet Protocol, universal service for rural areas, competition, and deployment of advanced services. This is a national issue, but is of greater concern nowhere than it is in Montana."

The meeting will include presentations by some of the leading experts in the national debate, will clarify the potential impact on Montana customers, and will examine a variety of possible solutions under consideration.

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