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**Wireless Phone Companies Not Under PSC's Jurisdiction;
Chair Urges AirTEL Customers to Contact Office of Consumer Protection**

Public Service Commission (PSC) Chair Greg Jergeson reminds Montanans that wireless phone companies are generally not under the PSC's jurisdiction. This weekend's abrupt end to AirTEL operations in Montana prompted the announcement. Jergeson urges the company's customers to contact the Montana Office of Consumer Protection at 1.800.481.6896 or contactocp@mt.gov.

"I certainly understand the reactions of AirTEL customers," said Jergeson. "The Montana PSC does not have jurisdiction in this instance but the Consumer Protection Office at the Department of Justice has begun an investigation of the situation."

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