

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-2-24**

Date Prepared: February 20, 1997  
For Work Week Commencing: February 24, 1997  
Business Meeting Date & Time: February 24, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. AT&T/USWC Docket D96.11.200 - 1st of several post-hearing work sessions for discussion and action on the remaining open issues in this case (2/25/97)
2. Centrex/Digitrex Docket D96.2.15 - Discuss/act on final order (2/25/97)
3. Docket D96.4.70 - Discuss status of appeal (2/25/97)
4. Hardin Area EAS Docket D97.2.23 - Discuss petition for EAS, action as might be necessary (2/25/97)
5. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss status of settlement negotiations, take action as may be necessary, other matters as necessary (2/25/97)
6. USWC Docket N97.1.15 - Discuss DSS promotion (2/25/97)
7. USWC Docket N97.2.16 - Discuss Centrex 21 promotion (2/25/97)

8. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (2/25/97)
9. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket N97.2.25 (Kate)

On February 18, 1997, Montana Power Company filed a request for a waiver of the requirement (ARM 38.5.1405(2)(b)(i) & (ii) and MPC tariff rule 13-5B) that written termination notice be delivered five days in advance of the proposed termination date to customers whose checks have bounced or who have broken deferred payment agreements. MPC proposes instead to notify these customers by telephone.

2. SPRINT - Docket N97.2.22 (Vicki)

On February 12, 1997, Sprint proposed text changes to its tariff to rename the Option A Calling Plan to The Most. Included in the same filing, but not requiring Commission action, were: a change in The Most's discount; introduction of VisaPhone Calling Card Services and Optional Calling Plan; price changes for Sprint/Sam's Club prepaid calling cards; introduction of the \$100 Spree Instant FONCARD; and introduction of a \$4000 commitment level for the Business Sense product.

3. PACIFICORP Docket D97.2.24 (Eric)

On February 18, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$100,000,000 of its subordinated debt. The proceeds will be used for the acquisition of property, improvement of facilities, improvement of service, the discharge or refunding of obligations, or to reimburse the Company for funds expended from income or from other treasury funds that were not derived from the issuance of securities.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

USWC Docket D96.12.220 - NSA setting schedule for USWC to submit a list detailing services for which USWC will not provide cost studies was served February 14, 1997.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-3-3**

Docket N97.2.22    SPRINT (Vicki)  
Docket D97.2.24    PACIFICORP (Eric)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D97.2.24    Pacific Power & Light Security Issue  
N97.2.25    MPC Request to Modify Termination Rules  
N97.2.26    Max-Tel Communications Notice of Intent to Resell Local Exchange Service  
N97.2.27    Citizens Telecommunications - Revise Distinctive Ring and Call Screening Options