

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-1-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 12, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: January 12, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Inquiries General inquiries concerning this Utility Division agenda and subscribing to notice by mail may be made to Dennis Crawford at (406) 444-6182 or Dan Elliott at (406) 444-6187. They may refer inquiries to another person within the agency.

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

1. MPC Docket D97.7.90 -Placeholder: Action on any motions or stipulations on outstanding discovery previously due Dec. 19, 1997, before announcement of competitive bid sale, and now due January 14, 1997 (1/12/98)
2. InterLATA Market Docket 94.2.8 - To discuss the commitment made out of the prior other common carrier docket (1/13/98)
3. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Preliminary discussion and information to the Commission on Enron's approval of orders in docket (1/13/98)
4. USWC Yellowstone EAS Docket D97.10.206 - Discuss USWC call study, determine further procedures (1/13/98)
5. USWC Docket D96.7.121 - Discuss MCI's objections to USWC's clarified data requests (1/13/98)

6. Montana Wireless/USWC Docket D97.9.168 - Approval of amendment (1/13/98)
7. WorldCom/MCI Docket D97.10.191 - Discuss GTE's position to intervene and WorldCom's response opposing intervention (likely to be received yet this week); discuss procedure (1/13/98)
8. Texas court's opinion in SBC v. FCC - Discuss opinion and request for stay, appeal (1/13/98)
9. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Address USWC's motion to compel, AT&T's response and USWC's reply to the response (1/13/98)
10. USWC Docket D97.7.125 - Discuss USWC's motion filed 1/2/98 (1/13/98)
11. USWC/Mike Wiles Docket D97.12.231 - Discuss and act on USWC motion to dismiss (1/13/98)
12. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

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

1. PCR/U S WEST Communications, Inc. - Docket D97.10.201 (Karen)

On November 5, 1997, a Notice of Application for Approval of Resale Agreement and Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued, notifying interested persons of the negotiated Resale Agreement between U S WEST and PCR Phone Credit Services which had been filed on October 23, 1997 for approval with the Commission. The Agreement must be approved within 90 days (by January 21, 1998) or it will be deemed approved. A draft order approving the Agreement has been distributed. Staff recommends approval.

2. Tel-Link, LLC/US WEST Communications - Docket D97.10.207 (Karen)

On November 5, 1997, a Notice of Application for Approval of Resale Agreement and Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued, notifying interested persons of the negotiated Resale Agreement between U S WEST and Tel-Link, LLC which had been filed on October 31, 1997 for approval with the Commission. The Agreement must be approved within 90 days (by January 29, 1998) or it will be deemed approved. A draft order approving the Agreement has been distributed. Staff recommends approval.

3. Stargate/U S WEST Communications, Inc. Docket D97.10.209 (Karen)

On November 5, 1997, a Notice of Application for Approval of Resale Agreement and Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued, notifying interested persons of the negotiated Resale Agreement between U S WEST and Stargate Communications, Inc. which had been filed on October 31, 1997 for approval with the Commission. The Agreement must be approved within 90 days (by January 29, 1998) or it will be deemed approved. A draft order approving the Agreement has been distributed. Staff recommends approval.

4. MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. - Docket D97.12.248 (Eric)

On December 22, 1997, MDU filed an application seeking approval in the issuance of Common Stock to (1) use either the negotiated placement requirements or the competitive bidding requirements under 18 C.F.R. § 34.2 if MDU issues Common Stock in one or more public offerings and (2) to clarify the method of calculating the sales price of its Common Stock. A default order has been drafted.

5. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.234 (Kate)

On December 12, 1997, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed revisions to its tariff to introduce New Number Referral, to increase its Lifeline discount to reflect the changes made by the Federal Communications Commission, and to remove the intrastate toll section of the tariff because Blackfoot Communications will replace US West and Clark Fork as the default intraLATA carrier.

6. PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N97.12.237 (Kate)

On December 15, 1997, Project Telephone filed tariff revisions to reflect the changes made by the Federal Communications Commission to the Lifeline and Link Up programs.

7. VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.238 (Kate)

On December 15, 1997, Valley Telecommunications filed tariff revisions to reflect the changes made by the Federal Communications Commission to the Lifeline and Link Up programs.

8. CENTRAL MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS - N97.12.242 (Kate)

On December 22, 1997, Central Montana Telecommunications filed a tariff revision to reflect the increased discount made available by the Federal Communications Commission for participants in the Lifeline program.

9. US WEST Communications - Docket N97.12.241 (Bonnie)

On December 22, 1997, US WEST filed tariff transmittal 97-44, Revisions to Voice Messaging Service. The filing makes several minor changes to the offering of Business Voice Messaging and Voice Messaging service for residential customers.

10. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.243 (Vicki)

On December 22, 1997, USW filed tariff pages introducing the residential Win-Back Program. Residential customers will be eligible for waivers of non-recurring charges and/or monthly service charges if they return to US WEST for their local service needs.

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. US WEST Communications - Docket N97.12.249 (Bonnie)

On December 29, 1997, US WEST filed tariff transmittal 97-AC04, to revise the Carrier Common Line (CCL) bulk-bill factor, to reflect the impact of the 1997 EAS which converted toll traffic to local traffic in several regions throughout the State of Montana.

2. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.250 (Nina)

On December 30, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana (CTC-Montana) filed tariff revisions to change verbiage from "intrastate" to "intraLATA."

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-1-20

Docket N97.12.249 US WEST Communications (Bonnie)
Docket N97.12.250 CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Nina)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.12.252 MCI - tariff filing to revise various plans and miscellaneous text changes