

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-4-27**

Date Prepared: April 23, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: April 27, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: April 27, 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>.*

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

1. USWC EAS Docket D97.10.206 - Discussion and action or direction (4/27/98)
2. USWC Docket N98.3.67 - Discuss filing (4/27/98)
3. Slamming - Discuss the response the Commission wants to make to preemption challenges to the interstate part of the slamming law (4/27/98)
4. MPC Docket D98.2.28 - Discuss and act on petition(s) for late intervention (4/27/98)
5. MPC Docket D97.11.219 - Discuss and act on draft final order (4/27/98)
6. 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. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT - Docket D98.4.78 (Eric)

On April 6, 1998, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 9, 1998. Requests for hearing were due by April 27, 1998. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$170 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

2. NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS - Docket N.98.4.79 (Vicki)

On April 7, 1998, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. filed tariff pages for PSC Mont. No. 11 changing the company's assumed business name of PTI Communications to CenturyTel.

3. NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS - Docket N.98.4.80 (Vicki)

On April 7, 1998, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. filed tariff pages for PSC Mont. ASC.3 (the access tariff) changing the company's assumed business name of PTI Communications to CenturyTel.

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. WORLDCOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. - Docket N98.4.83 (Nina)

On April 15, 1998, WorldCom Technologies, Inc. filed tariff revisions to grandfather WorldMark Service. This service is no longer available to new customers as of April 22, 1998.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-5-4

Docket N98.4.83 WORLDCOM TECHNOLOGIES (Nina)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.4.84 Linda Vista Water Co - Revisions to main extension rules
N98.4.85 Lincoln Electric Coop - Notice of Exemption