

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-6-22**

Date Prepared: June 18, 1998  
For Work Week Commencing: June 22, 1998  
Business Meeting: June 22, 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 Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located 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. PP&L Docket D98.2.29 – PP&L's electric line extension tariff revision – Discuss PP&L's line extension tariff and take any appropriate action (6/23/98)
2. Great Falls Gas Docket D98.3.68 – GFG restructuring - Discuss and act on GFG request for protection order, other matters as necessary (6/23/98)
3. USWC Dockets D98.5.100 & D97.10.206 – USW EAS True-up and Yellowstone Region – Discussion and direction on procedures and possible final action (6/23/98)
4. Clark Fork Telecommunications vs MCI – Discuss Clark Fork letter complaining against MCI for slamming; consider whether to process it as a formal complaint (6/23/98)
5. USWC Docket D97.7.125 – USWC Flexible pricing docket – Route a draft final order (6/23/98)

6. Docket D98.6.125 and D98.1.15 – Dakota Services, Ltd. And USWC interconnection agreement; and Firstel, Inc. and USWC first amendment to interconnection agreement – Discuss repeated failure to comply with Commission directives in prior interconnection agreements (6/23/98)
7. Touch America/USWC Docket No. D98.5.97 - Touch America and USWC interconnection agreement – Discuss and vote on draft order approving interconnection agreement (6/23/98)
8. USWC Docket D97.5.87 - USWC § 271 application - Address ongoing issues as they arise (6/23/98)
9. Montana Universal Access Applications – Waive application deadline for late-filed applications if needed (6/23/98)
10. 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. LINDA VISTA WATER CO. - D98.4.84 (Dave)

On April 16, 1998, Linda Vista Water Company filed an application for a water main extension policy to their tariff, they are proposing a 40-year advance contract be used to fund an extension. This addition would also allow Linda Vista to acquire existing mains already in service and connected to their system, as an advanced contract under Rule 1. This filing was noticed to the public on May 22, 1998.

2. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.121 (Tina)

On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Tariff Advice No. 98-6 to add an additional category for volume discounts, to change the company name on the price lists to CenturyTel of Montana, dba CenturyTel, and to update references to indicate Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12, replacing Tariff PSC Mont. No. 11. The additional category for volume discounts affects Voice Mail Service, which is a detariffed service, but the terms and conditions have been changed to create a new category. CenturyTel requests to have a separate category for customers

subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes. The minimum rate will remain the same for each category; however, the currently charged rate would be \$1.00 less per mailbox for customers subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes, compared to customers subscribing to 100-150 mailboxes.

3. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.122 (Tina)

On June 5, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-7 to cancel in its entirety its Access Service tariff, PSC Mont. AC-3, and replace with new tariff, PSC Mont. AC-4. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing.

4. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.123 (Tina)

On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-5 to replace PSC Mont. No. 11 with PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing.

**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, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST- Docket N98.6.134 (Bonnie)

On June 15, 1998, US WEST filed revised tariff transmittal 98-30 to introduce two optional products for business customers in Montana to assist in managing telephone traffic and completing analysis to assist in marketing efforts:

(1) Call Data Collection and Transmission (CDCT) captures incoming call data (including time, date, calling party number, zip code, busy calls, unanswered calls, & length of calls), provided in an ASCII data file sent to the customer daily over the internet.

(2) Trackline Plus is a forwarding telephone number temporarily assigned for purposes of tracking call data. The product would normally be associated with a single advertised sales campaign - ticket sales, a contest, or a specific sales event, used in conjunction with CDCT.

2. US WEST- Docket N98.6.129 (Bonnie)

On June 15, 1998, US WEST filed notification of their intent to offer CALL REPORTS as a deregulated product in Montana. Call Reports provides a summary and analysis of incoming call data collected via the CDCT. Data from the ASCII file produced by CDCT is formatted and presented in a customer friendly format and forwarded to the customer as reports on a weekly or monthly basis in printed form, on a diskette, or over the internet.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.131 (Kate)

On June 15, 1998, US West Communications filed to eliminate the monthly recurring charges and reduce the nonrecurring charges for number activation for commercial mobile radio services customers. The proposed tariff revisions were filed to comply with an FCC order.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.130 (Tina)

On June 15, 1998, USWC filed TT 98-26 to introduce the "Improve Customer Service" promotion to business customers. This promotion will waive the conversion charge for customers changing from a flat rated business line to a contracted analog Centrex 21 service; waive the non-recurring charge for customers subscribing to two different custom calling service packages or an E-mail address listing or URL listing; and waive the non-recurring charge plus give one month free service for customers subscribing to Business Voice Messaging.

5. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY- Docket N98.6.124 (Vicki)

On June 4, 1998, Sprint filed revised tariff pages changing the name of Toll Free Access Collect II (One Dime) to Toll Free Access Collect II and adding other toll free numbers to obtain unique rates and connection fees; move station-to-station

collect and person-to-person collect under Moonlight Madness to Toll Free Access Collect II; reduce the peak per minute usage rate and increase the station-to-station connection fee; increasing the Spree Prepaid FONCARD rate for \$5.00 increments from \$.33 to \$.40; adding a \$30 increment rate of \$.31; and to add the Airlines/Sprint Partnership Program for frequent flyer miles.

6. US WEST Communications, Inc. - Docket N.98.6.133 (Vicki)

On June 15, 1998, US West filed a revised tariff page allowing calls placed to one call router to be directed to another router. Currently, calls placed to a call route associated with Business Voice Message Service are not permitted to be directed to another router. This filing removes that restriction.

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

N98.6.132 USWC – Tariff Transmittal 98-29 Centrex 21 – Rate Group Structure

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-06-29**

US WEST- Docket N98.6.134(Bonnie)  
 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.130 (Tina)  
 SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY- Docket N98.6.124(Vicki)  
 US WEST Communications, Inc. - Docket N.98.6.133(Vicki)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D98.6.118 – MPC Complaint  
 N98.6.129 – USWC – Availability of CALL REPORTS on a deregulated basis  
 N98.6.130 – USWC – Implement customer service promotion  
 N98.6.131 – USWC – Type 1/Interconnection  
 N98.6.132 – USWC – Centrex 21  
 N98.6.133 – USWC – BVMS  
 N98.6.134 – USWC – Introduce CDCT & Trackline  
 N98.6.135 – USWC – Increase rates, text changes, add to CIC