

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-8-31**

Date Prepared: August 27, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: August 31, 1998
Business Meeting: August 31, 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. MPC Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC electric restructuring – Discuss/Act on Order on Reconsideration (9/1/98)
2. Natural Gas Supplier Licensing – Discussion, direction, and action as necessary on all pending natural gas supplier license (9/1/98)
3. USWC Docket No. D97.5.87 – U S WEST's 271 application – Discuss staff proposal for informal meeting process as a separate procedural track for issues discussion (9/1/98)
4. USWC Docket No. D97.5.87 – USWC 271 – Discuss possible extranet questionnaire to help focus 271 issues into a semi-matrix format and get direction on how staff should proceed (9/1/98)

5. USWC Docket No. D98.8.192 – Final USWC Omnibus Costing/pricing docket – Discuss a draft notice (9/1/98)
6. USWC Docket No. N98.8.186 – USWC Residential WinBack Filing – Discuss the filing and consider possible responses (9/1/98)
7. AT&T Docket No. D96.11.200 – AT&T/USWC agreement – Discuss AT&T's Motion for Clarification (9/1/98)
8. AT&T Docket No. N98.8.181 – AT&T Local Exchange Service/Digital Link – Discuss and act on AT&T's filing (9/1/98)
9. WESTERN WIRELESS Docket No. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless petition for ETC status – Review notice of application; discuss filing and initiating a rulemaking proceeding (9/1/98)
10. SOUTHERN MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket No. D97.11.225 – SMTC Access rate increase – Discuss/vote on USWC's motion to vacate and reschedule the hearing (9/1/98)
11. PSC policy on using stamped Commissioner signatures – Discuss and develop formal policy on use of Commissioners' stamped signatures on PSC documents (9/1/98)
12. PACIFICORP Docket No. D97.7.91 – Request for meeting on sale (9/1/98)

Weekly/Monthly 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. PACIFICORP – Docket D97.7.91 (Denise)

Action on Motion for Protective Order, approval of Protective Order No. 5987f, protecting distribution sale information.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.8.187 (Bonnie)

On August 11, 1998, US WEST Communications filed to include Wibaux as an exchange in the Competitive Zone Pricing section so that competitive zone pricing flexibility will apply to Wibaux.

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. VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.1.6 (Kate)

On August 21, 1998, Valley Telecommunications submitted a revised tariff filing to propose the introduction of five CLASS services (Caller ID Name, Call Forward Busy, Call Forward No Answer; Call Rejection Anonymous; and Last Call Return Block to Private) on a detariffed basis, and to make changes to its existing custom calling and CLASS features, including name changes, service packages and reductions in minimum prices of some already detariffed custom calling features. This revised filing replaces the company's filing of January 21, 1998.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-9-8

New Filings Received in Past Week

Docket N98.8.191 – MPC – Application for Permanent Electricity Supplier
License

Docket N98.8.192 – USWC – Pricing