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**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-10-13**

Date Prepared: October 8, 1998  
For Work Week Commencing: October 13, 1998  
Business Meeting: October 13, 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. Low Cost Electricity States Initiative – To consider signing the initiative (10/13/98)
2. Utility Notice Rule L-98.5.1 –RUL – Discussion, direction, action on draft rule (10/13/98)
3. BTU Monitoring Contracts – Discuss and approve renewal of contracts for the BTU monitoring program for MDU, MPC and PSC (10/13/98)
4. Kern vs. USWC – discussion and direction on recently filed formal complaint (10/13/98)
5. Western Wireless Docket D98.8.190 – Discuss filing and procedure (10/13/98)

6. USWC Docket D98.4.86 – USWC's IntraLATA dialing parity plan – Discuss matters that may arise (10/13/98)
7. USWC Docket D96.7.121 – ISDN – Discuss/Act Draft Final Order (10/13/98)
8. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – US West 271 application – Discuss and act on U S West's objection to data requests from Joint Intervenors, AT&T's motion to set specific date for compliance with discovery order; and any other matters that may arise (10/13/98)
9. USWC marketing & promotion offers for Custom Choice plus phone line – Staff direction to respond to inaccurate marketing and unauthorized promotions (10/13/98)
10. WAXS, Inc. and Cherry Communications, Inc. - Discuss WAXS/Cherry Joint Application for transfer of control; Bell Atlantic/GTE request for approval of merger, and Unidial/Metracom notification letter (10/13/98)
11. AT&T's Docket N98.8.181 – Local Exchange by AT&T-Digital Link – Discuss AT&T's Motion to Reconsider Order No. 6099 (10/13/98)

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. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.9.207 (Kate)  
On September 11, 1998, US West filed to revise its rate stability plans for Digital Switched Service and ISDN Primary Rate Service in order to offer optional 3- and 5-year contract arrangements in addition to the existing 3- to 10-year plans. A staff memo has been distributed.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.9.215 (Vicki)

On September 25, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce the new SMARTSET feature package for business customers. The package offers two options which are SMARTSET and SMARTSET PLUS. In conjunction with the introduction of the new package, all existing business Custom Calling packages except Call Manager Connection are being grandfathered and those packages with no active customers are being removed from the tariff.

**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. AT&T – Docket N98.10.219 (Tina)

On October 6, 1998, AT&T filed Advice 98-17 to grandfather AT&T Software Defined Data Network Service Schedule F.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-10-19**

AT&T - Docket N98.10.219 (Tina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D98.10.217 – MPC – Gas Tracker
- D98.10.218 – PP&L – Investigation into sale/Flathead Electric Coop
- D98.10.219 – AT&T – Tariff filing – grandfather Software Defined Data Network
- D98.10.220 – Central Montana Communications – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.221 – CenturyTel – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.222 – Citizens Communications – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.223 – Clark Fork Telecommunications – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.224 – Hot Springs Telephone Company- IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.225 – InterBel Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.226 – Lincoln Telephone Company – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.227 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.228 – Nemont Telephone Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.229 – Northern Telephone Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.230 – Project Telephone Company – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.231 – Range Telephone Company – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.232 – Ronan Telephone Company – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.233 – Southern Montana Telephone – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.234 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.235 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative – IntraLATA equal access
- D98.10.236 – Valley Telecommunications – IntraLATA equal access
- N98.10.237 – Cherry Communications Inc. & Waxes Inc – Joint Application for transfer of ownership