

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-8-2**

Date Prepared: July 29, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: August 2, 1999
Business Meeting: August 2, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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

1. D97.7.91 – PacifiCorp stranded cost issues – Present staff's technical recommendations on the level of PacifiCorp's stranded costs (8/3/99)
2. N99.2.47 – Restructure ISDN Single Line Service – Discuss memo and possible need for a hearing (8/3/99)
3. The Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance – Select PSC outstanding employee and/or team of employees (8/3/99)
4. USWC v. PSC (and NARUC) marketing restrictions in dialing parity rules – To discuss settlement as needed, will follow on from the w/s on July 29 and July 30 if there is one (8/3/99)

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. ENERGY NORTHWEST, INC. Docket D99.7.179 (Denise)

On July 27, 1999, the NW Energy Coalition filed a Petition for Late Intervention in the proceeding for approval of Energy Northwest, Inc.'s (ENI) Plan for Universal System Benefits Programs and Charges. NWECC also requested that the Commission set the matter for public hearing in its offices in Helena, Montana. NWECC is a non-profit corporation with nine organizational members representing 4,000 citizens in Montana. Its members include the Human Resources Council – District XI, Montana Environmental Information Center, Northern Plains Resources Council and the National Center for Appropriate Technology. NWECC promotes the efficient use of energy, development of renewable energy resources, and the provision of low-income energy services.

Recommendation: Grant the petition for late intervention but deny the request to set the hearing in the Commission's offices in Helena. The hearing must be set in ENI's service territory

2. Montana Wireless, Inc & USWC, Inc. D97.9.168 (SCOTT)

On July 13, 1999, Montana Wireless, Inc (MWI) and U S WEST filed for approval to amend its interconnection Agreement for service in the state of Montana. The Commission approved the original interconnection agreement in Order No. 6031 on December 1, 1997. The amendments are for terms, conditions, and rates and to amend the agreement to add ISDN Capable Loop provisions.

3. U S West Comm, Inc. & Avista Comm, Inc. Docket D98.10.252 (SCOTT)

On May 21, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. & Avista Communications filed for approval to amend its interconnection Agreement for service in the state of Montana. Avista Communications was formally known as One Eighty Communications, Inc. The Commission approved the original interconnection agreement in Order No. 6135 on January 13, 1999. The amendments add language to Part (D)7 SPOT Frame Collocation.

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. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L. P. Docket N99.7.179(Leroy)

On July 22, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, L. P., filed for approval to introduce Sprint Sense FONCARD Option A, Sprint Sense Stand-Alone FONCARD Option A, a Sprint 1000 FONCARD Option A Usage Rate, and a Sprint Sense AnyTime Monthly Minutes of Use Credit Option III FONCARD Option A Usage Rate.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N99.7.181 (Leroy)

On July 22, 1999, US WEST filed for approval a Promotional Addendum - NonUtility Incentive. No regulated rates are waived or reduced during the promotional period from August 23 through September 30, 1999. Business customers who subscribe to an additional 1FB line, an additional Centrex 21 Analog Line for one year, Business CustomChoice, ISDN Single Line Service for two years, convert a 1FB to Business CustomChoice, or convert a 1FR line to a 1FB line will receive a free software package. "Prospect Smart Software", made by TargetSmart is a telemarketing software database package that uses TargetSmart's created database and not a database supplied by US WEST.

3. U S West Communications, Inc. Docket D99.7.182 (SCOTT)

On July 26, 1999 U S West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-44 to modify the Super Savings Calling plan for residential customers. The filing lowers the per minute rate from \$.125 to \$.12, establishes a \$3.00 non-recurring activation fee for new customers and changes the plan to full minute timing from current sub-minute timing.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-8-9

New Filings Received in Past Week

N99.7.179 – Sprint – Tariff filing grandfathering options and introduce Foncards

D99.7.180 – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Complaint w/MPC

N99.7.181 – USWC – Tariff filing regarding Access Line Promo

N99.7.182 – USWC – Tariff 99-44 modifications to residential super savings
IntraLATA Plan