

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-8-9**

Date Prepared: August 5, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: August 9, 1999
Business Meeting: August 9, 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. D99.7.171 – Gordon-Prill-Drapes – Discussion (8/10/99)
2. D99.7.180 – IBEW v. MPC – Direction (8/10/99)
3. N99.6.166 – City of Missoula electric supplier license – Discuss/Act on whether to expand scope of license (8/10/99)
4. USW v. PSC and NARUC – To review a settlement in principle document (8/10/99)

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. MONTANA POWER COMPANY D97.7.90 (TIER 2) (Denise)

On July 30, 1999, Montana Energy Brokers petitioned for late intervention in the Tier 2 proceeding on Montana Power Company's sale of generation and its transition costs. Petitioner provides consulting services to commercial ratepayers receiving service under GS-1, Secondary, Demand tariff.

Recommendation: grant request for late intervention.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

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. CENTURYTEL – Docket N99.7.186 (Dave)

On July 29, 1999, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal 99-5 requesting a promotional offering for the period September 1, 1999 through October 31, 1999. CenturyTel requests that the nonrecurring charge be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same address.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATION, INC. N99.7.184 (SCOTT)

On July 29, 1999, U S WEST filed tariff transmittal 99-46 to grandfather Custom Solutions and the Real Deal packages of service. Under this proposal, current customers of these packages can continue to have the packages but these packages will not be available to new customers. In 1998, U S WEST introduced CustomChoice and this package of service has been very successful in the marketplace. By grandfathering these earlier packages, U S WEST will simplify its product line.

3. AT &T N99.7.183 (SCOTT)

On July 28, 1999 AT &T Filed Tariff Transmittal 99-20. These Access Service and Interconnection Service tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to Access and Interconnection Services with other carriers.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-8-16

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N99.7.183 – AT&T – Access services and interconnection services tariff
- N99.7.184 – USWC – Tariff 99-46 grandfather: Custom Solutions and Real Deal Packages
- N99.7.185 – USWC – Tariff 99-45 Voice message service promotion
- N99.7.186 – CenturyTel – Promo non-recurring charge waived w/additional residential or business lines added at same time
- D99.8.187 – Havre Pipeline – Tariff 1999 Farm Tap Rate filing
- N99.8.188 – USWC – Tariff 99-AC06 Local transport restructure – reduction of Carrier Common Line (CCL)
- N99.8.189 – USWC – Forbearance Application re: MCN