

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-04-10**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 10, 2000
Business Meeting: April 10, 2000, 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, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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

1. D99.10.243 – Energy West Montana – EWM Tracker – Further discussion, direction, and action on MCC motion to strike and EWM's response to show cause on refund, other matters as necessary (4/11/00)
2. D99.3.49 – Flexible Pricing For ILEC's – Meeting to discuss and obtain Commission decisions on staff recommendations (4/11/00)
3. D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers – Mid-Rivers ETC, Wibaux Exchange – Discussion, direction, and action on suspension of schedule, stipulation and designation, late intervention request, and other matters as necessary (4/11/00)
4. N2000.4.43 – USWC – ISDN Primary Rate Promotion – Discuss (4/11/00)
5. Line Sharing – Update on agreement the CLEC's have reached with USWC (4/11/00)

6. N2000.3.36 and D99.12.286 – Staff Inquiry and Commission policy, Pathnet – Pathnet Interconnection Agreement, Staff Inquiry in PSC Policy – To act on a request by Pathnet to waive tariff filing, to consider PSC policy on CLEC tariff filing, to consider PSC policy on requiring CLEC's to file annual reports (4/11/00)
7. N2000.2.21 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 00-04, Competitive Response Tariff – Present USWC Motion for Reconsideration (4/11/00)
8. USWC's reply to chairman's letter re: replacement of the busy signal in Billings with pitch for Continuous Redial – Discuss and determine next step, if any (4/11/00)

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 Docket N2000.3.41 (LEROY)

On March 23, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-10 "DSS/UAS Promotion. During the promotional period from April 17, 2000, through June 30, 2000, business customers who subscribe to a Rate Stabilized Agreement for Advanced Digital Switched Service or Uniform Access Solution service will receive a waiver of the non-recurring charges associated with DSS Advances or UAS DSI and DSS Advanced trunk or UAS Network Connection charges. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to October 1, 2000.

2. U S WEST Communication, Inc. N2000.3.42 (Scott)

On March 23, 2000, U S WEST filed tariff transmittal 00-11, "800 Service Line Promotion". Business customers who subscribe to 800 Service Line Option will receive a \$18.00 credit on their bill. This promotion is scheduled to run from April 17, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

3. MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY DOCKET NO. N2000.3.30 (Dave)

On March 2, 2000, Mountain Water Company filed a request to deviate from its tariff for a proposed Main Extension Agreement with the United States Army Corp of Engineers. Mountain Water requests deviation from Rule 1 in two significant respects: (1) it is a fixed price agreement; (2) it has no refunding provisions. The request is made pursuant to Mountain Water's requirement to receive prior Commission approval to deviate from its Main Extensions Tariff as shown in Rule 1, Applicability Section A, Part 1.

4. US WEST Docket No. N2000.4.46 (Dave)

On March 30, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-15, Power Lines" promotion. This is a promotional addendum for a NONUTILITY Incentive associated with Access lines. This is a limited promotion scheduled from May 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. The target group is small business customers in Montana, customers who subscribe to additional lines will receive gift certificates of up to \$50.00.

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 N2000.4.44 (LEROY)

On March 30, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-13, "Super Savings Non-Recurring Change in CustomChoice and ValueChoice Packages". The proposed modification eliminates the \$3.00 non-recurring charge for residential customers who subscribe to the calling plan and also subscribe to CustomChoice or ValueChoice packages.

2. US WEST Docket N2000.4.45 (LEROY)

On March 30, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-14, "800 ServiceLine Price Changes" to modify the pricing for 800 ServiceLine. The hourly rate is reduced from \$7.20 to \$6.00 and the monthly rate is

changed from \$3.00 to \$5.00. US WEST states the proposed pricing changes will make the product more attractive for Montana customers.

3. U S WEST Communication, Inc. N2000.4.43 (Scott)

On March 30, 2000, U S WEST filed tariff transmittal 00-12 to introduce a limited time promotional offering for Primary Rate ISDN Service. During the promotional period current PBX analog trunk customers transferring to ISDN Primary Rate Service will receive a waiver of monthly recurring charges for one month when signing a 3 year Rate Stability Agreement or for two months when signing a 5 year Rate Stability Agreement. The waiver includes the T-1 facility, Service Configuration and ISDN trunk connection with Direct Inward Dialing. This waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to October 1, 2000. The promotional offering is valid where technically feasible to provide the service and where facilities are available. The promotional period it to run from May 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-04-17

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2000.4.43 – USWC – Tariff 00-12 ISDN Primary Rate Service Promo
- N2000.4.44 – USWC – Tariff 00-13 Super Savings non-recurring change in custom choice and ValueChoice packages
- N2000.4.45 – USWC – Tariff 00-14 800 ServiceLine Price changes
- N2000.4.46 – USWC – Tariff 00-15 Promo NonUtility incentive – access line
- D2000.4.47 – Flathead Electric Coop – FEC & ENI application for approval of an agreement
- N2000.4.48 - Ronan Telephone – Ronan Telephone directed to file annual report
- D2000.4.49 – Black Hills Power & Light – Fuel Rate Rider