

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-11-27**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 27, 2000
Business Meeting: November 27, 2000, 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. Budget and Legislation for 2001 session – Review budget and proposed legislation (11-27-00)
2. MPC SALE – Placeholder (11/28/00)
3. D2000.8.113 – MPC – Interim Relief for Electric & Gas (11-28-00)
4. D2000.1.4 – Qwest Communications – Detariffing of directory assistance service (11-28-00)

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. Advanced Communications Technology N2000.11.186 (Jay)

ACT, d.b.a. Range Long Distance, is a subsidiary of Range Telephone Cooperative and requests expedited authorization to change default intraLATA toll carrier because Qwest Communications no longer wants to provide intraLATA toll service in the 12 exchanges served by Range. ACT and Qwest agree that ACT will simultaneously begin providing intraLATA toll service to the end users in the exchanges currently receiving intraLATA toll from Qwest. ACT requests that Qwest customers be assigned from Qwest to ACT and the current Qwest rates be adopted by ACT. Qwest will cease providing intraLATA toll service on December 16, 2000. ACT will notify current Qwest toll customers that their service will be assigned from Qwest to ACT beginning December 16. The bill stuffer will be mailed on December 1. Customers will have 90 days or March 15, 2001 to switch away from ACT free of charge. ACT requests the Commission waive any applicable slamming rules (ARM 38.5.3801 et seq.). Staff recommends approval.

2. OnlineChoice.com, Inc. Docket N2000.11.184 (Will)

On November 1 OnlineChoice.com, Inc. filed an application for a license to be an electricity supply broker for residential, small business and commercial customers in Montana.

3. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC Docket N2000.10.178 (Leroy)

On October 27, 2000, Central Montana Communications, Inc, filed for modifications to its tariff pages, Section 9, Page 47 eliminating the four month per calendar year limitation on vacation rates.

4. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY Docket N2000.10.179 (Leroy)

On October 27, 2000, Ronan Telephone Company filed an application for approval of the following detariffed new services: "Custom Calling Services - Automatic Wake-Up Service, Do Not Disturb Service, Personal Ringing, Remote Call Forward Access, and Warm Line.

5. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY Docket N2000.10.180 (Leroy)

On October 27, 2000, Ronan Telephone Company filed proposed new tariff pages, Schedule A-2 Sheets 1 through 4 replacing in part existing Sheet 1. The purpose of the changes is to add general terms and conditions for the offering of Custom Calling Services as well as add descriptions of the services, including both the currently tariffed services and the new proposed detariffed services.

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. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D2000.11.190 (Eric)

On November 17, 2000, MPC requested authority to incur short-term debt not to exceed \$150,000,000 for the calendar years 2001 and 2002. The securities to be issued by MPC shall be in the form of a revolving credit and term loan agreement, promissory notes to banks, commercial paper drafts, banker acceptance drafts or such other means as may be deemed advisable. The proceeds will be used for the temporary financing of

acquisitions of property, the construction and improvement of facilities, the maintenance of service, the discharge and lawful refunding of obligations and other lawful corporate purposes.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-12-4

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2000.11.90 – MPC – Security Issue – Short Term Borrowings