

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-12-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 18, 2000
Business Meeting: December 18, 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. MPC Sale – Placeholder – (12/19/00)
2. D2000.10.177 – PSC Notice of Proposal to Extend Transition Period – Discuss comments, act on proposal (12/19/00)
3. D2000.9.140 – Bozeman School District, et al – Bozeman School District v. MPC – Discussion and direction on draft final order (12/19/00)
4. D2000.8.118 – Miller Oil dba City Line – Propane increase and request for monthly tracker – Discuss and or approve MCC stipulation Agreement, Final Order (12/19/00)
5. D2000.11.185 – Cut Bank Gas – Interim Order – Discussion, Direction, Decision (12/19/00)
6. D2000.12.203 – Mountain Water Company – Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Acquisition – preliminary discussion and approval to issue a notice of the petition (12/19/00)

7. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water Company – Service quality complaint – Discussion and direction on court action to enforce PSC order (12/19/00)
8. FCC NPRM on Streamlining Accounting and Reporting Requirements – To get direction from the Commission to send Comments (12/19/00)
9. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – Cost Docket – To act on discovery objections and motion for supplemental discovery (12/19/00)
10. L-00.6.4-RUL – PSC’s proposed t-com flexible-pricing rules – Post-hearing discussion and direction on proposed rules (12/19/00)

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. Havre Pipeline Company, Docket D2000.10.177 (Denise)

On December 8, 2000, Applicant Havre Pipeline Company filed a Notice of Withdrawal from proceedings.

Recommend: Grant withdrawal and close docket.

2. Communications Docket N.2000.11.201 (Scott)

On November 27, 2000, Qwest Communications filed tariff transmittal 00-47 Message Delivery Service Revision. Currently, a term and condition exists that indicates that the customer of Message Delivery or Message Delivery Service-Interoffice will only use the calling party’s information to complete processing of a particular call. The term and condition is being revised to clarify that the information may also be used in the provisioning of Voice Messaging Service.

3. Qwest Communications Docket N.2000.11.202 (Scott)

On November 27, 2000, Qwest Communications filed tariff transmittal 00-49 ISDN Single Line Revisions. In this filing Qwest is requesting to modify the terms and conditions under which ISDN Single Line Service is offered by the following: 1) Set forth terms and conditions regarding cancellation of ISDN service, 2) Modifies the terms and conditions regarding the standard call appearance associated with ISDN Single line Service, 3) Establishes a threshold of 25 ISDN Single line facilities for offering service on an Individual Case Basis when purchased under a rate stability agreement, 3) Modifies the termination liability language to remove the minimum billing level percent and the termination charge percent, and 4) extend the date for which existing customers with grand fathered measured rate ISDN SLS for conversion to flat rate service to January 1, 2003.

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. N2000.12.206 (Eric)

On December 5, 2000, MPC requested several changes to therm billing zones pursuant to Order No. 5860a in Docket No. 95.6.26. A new Zone 24 is created to measure the heating value in the towns of Fairfield, Choteau and Valier. Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Dillon will be moved to Zone 13. Gas flows are always west to east from Butte to Bozeman. Thus, the gas analysis for Zone 13 can be used for towns located on the line from Pipestone to Dillon. Lastly, all of the towns west of Bozeman in Zone 15 will be moved to Zone 13. This change will ensure that those customers presently located west of Bozeman in Zone 15 will not be billed for higher BTU gas when MPC moves gas west from Dry Creek. The effect of these changes is revenue neutral to MPC.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2000.12.207 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application for gas tracking rate adjustment

D2000.12.208 – Front Range Pipeline – Local tariff for crude oil pipeline deleting Kevin Junction from Service