

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-02-12**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 12, 2001
Business Meeting: February 12, 2001, 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 (Dennis).

1. MPC SALE – Placeholder (2/13/01)
2. D2000.10.177 – Montana Power Company – Default Supplier Compliance Filing – General analysis and discussion on treatment of default supply filing (2/13/01)
3. D2000.1.11 – Qwest and Citizens Telecom Co – Sale of exchanges – Reinstatement of procedural schedule and setting a hearing date on stipulation (2/13/01)
4. D2000.7.104 – Citizens Telecommunications and CommSouth – First Amendment to interconnection agreement (IA) – To act on the amendment (2/13/01)
5. D97.2.19 and D97.10.208 – Mid-Rivers/Qwest – Amendment No. 2 to Interconnection Agreements – To act on the amendment (2/13/01)

6. D2000.6.89 – Mark Trincherro and Molly O’Leary – Pro Hac Vice application – To act on the applications (2/13/01)
7. D2000.8.124 – Touch America & Qwest Arbitration – Interconnection – Reciprocal Compensation – To brief the Commission in preparation for the February 21, 2001 hearing and other procedural matters as necessary (2/14/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

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.

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. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.1.12 (Leroy)

On January 24, Qwest Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 01-02 "Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Line, Small Business Promotion". Customers who subscribe to additional flat-rates business lines and CustomChoice will receive a Call Waiting/Caller ID telephone set and customers who subscribe to additional flat rated business lines will receive a \$50.00 gift card. No Regulated charges are waived during this promotion. The limited time promotion is scheduled to run from February 12, 2001 through March 23, 2001.

2. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS, INC Docket N2001.1.13 (Leroy)

On January 24, 2001 AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2001-01 modifying AT&T Commercial Long Distance Service Language to include service charges description and reference to AT&T Consumer Communications Services Tariff (S7).

3. MDU Docket D98.1.14, Contract Service Rate 35 (Dave)

On February 6, 2001, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., filed an energy charge applicable under Contract Service Rate 35. The escalation adjustment is allowable under the Service Agreement, after the initial three-year term of the contract approved by the Commission on February 24, 1998 in Docket No. D98.1.14 (Order No. 6055). This adjustment is based on the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) for Finished Goods. The PPI changed from 130.2 in January 1998 to 139.7 in December 2000. MDU has proposed an increase from 3.240¢ per Kwh to 3.476¢ per Kwh. MDU requests that this change become effective March 2, 2001 through March 1, 2002.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-02-20

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2001.2.15 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Co. – Proposed tariff

D2001.2.16 – Cut Bank Gas Co – Application for rate increase