

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-04-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 16, 2001
Business Meeting: April 17, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

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

1. D2001.1.5 – MPC – Montana Power Company/Northwestern Corp – Discuss and act on MPC's request for a procedural schedule (4/17/01)
2. D2000.12.205 – 5 Valleys Gas – Application for rate increase – Action on Final Order (4/17/01)
3. D2001.1.1 & D96.2.22 – MPC – MPC Tracker and Sale of Gas Assets – Discussion and action on changing procedural schedule, other matters as necessary (4/17/01)
4. D2000.12.211 – MPC – MPC Revision to Gas Transportation Balancing Penalty – Discussion, direction, action on final order (4/17/01)
5. D2000.11.193 – MPC – Helfrich v. MPC – Discussion and action on MPC motion for protective order (4/17/01)
6. D2000.8.113 – MPC – General Rate Case – Discuss remaining issues (4/17/01)

7. D2001.3.38 – MPC – Palmer v. MPC – Discussion, direction, action on complaint procedure (4/17/01)
8. PSC review of utility bill stuffers prior to release – Discussion and direction on whether PSC should general decline a pre-release review of utility bill stuffers (4/17/01)
9. L-01.4.1-RUL – Proposed Addition to Telecommunications Slamming Rules – Discussion, direction, action on noticing a proposed new slamming rule (4/17/01)
10. AT&T's combined billing charge – Discuss whether commission action is desired to respond to AT&T's implementation of its combined billing charge (4/17/01)
11. D2001.1.11 (Citizens/Interbel), D2001.1.9 (Essex Comm/Qwest), D2001.1.7 (McLeod/Qwest), D2001.1.14 (Preferred Carrier/Qwest), D2001.1.8 (Summit/Qwest) Interconnection Agreements – To approve interconnection agreements (4/17/01)

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.

1. Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2001.3.33 (Scott)

On March 23, 2001, Qwest Filed Tariff Transmittal 01-09 to introduce a limited time promotional offering for business access lines. In this promotion customers who subscribe to an additional flat rated business line or an additional Centrex 21 analog line will receive a \$30.00 bill credit. This promotion is scheduled to run from April 23, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.3.34 (Dave B.)

On March 23, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-AC01, "PIC Change Charge Revision". Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Restoral is the recovery of charges assessed by Qwest for unauthorized PIC changes. If a Pic change is disputed, Qwest will return the customer to their previous carrier of choice. A PIC Restoral Option (PRO) of \$10.00 is currently assessed to the IXC making the unauthorized PIC change.

This tariff revision implements the revised FCC language from CC Docket No. 94-129, dated August 15, 2000.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-04-23

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2001.3.39 – PSC – Qwest – Structure Moving Costs Rule Revision Request

D2001.4.40 - Black Hills Power & Light – Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2001.4.41 – 3 Rivers Fiber Optic – 3 Rivers/Verizon application for approval of interconnection agreement

D2001.4.42 – Mountain Water Co – Application to change Linda Vista tariffs

D2001.4.43 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Gas Tracker adjustment change

N2001.4.44 – Touch America Inc. – Transfer Assets; Request for Waiver