

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-04-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 30, 2001
Business Meeting: April 30, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

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

1. D2001.3.30 – EGG – PSC NOI on Demand Exchange Program/HB 645 – Placeholder for possible PSC action on allocation of power to an industrial customer (4/30/01)
2. D2000.8.113 – MPC – General Rate Case – Discuss rough draft of final order (5/1/01)
2. D2001.3.24 – Valley/River Rock Water and Sewer – Application for transfer to a District – Discussion, direction, action on request for transfer (5/1/01)
3. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – Cost Docket – To act on Qwest's objection to Avista data request 132c (5/1/01)
4. D2001.1.10 – Kern v. Qwest – Discussion, direction, action on complaint (5/1/01)

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. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D2001.4.40 (Eric)

On April 2, 2001, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 4, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by April 30, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$15,639 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

2. America Services, Inc., Docket No. N2001.4.44 (Scott)

On April 10, 2001 Touch America Services, Inc., filed with the Commission a Notification of the Transfer of Assets of Touch America Services, Inc. to Touch America, Inc., request for Waiver of Customer Notification Requirements (ARM 38.5.3801), and a request for the cancellation of Touch America Services, Inc.'s Montana registration. The request for the waiver of ARM 38.5.3801 is to allow a non-disruptive transition of subscribers of a subsidiary operating company Touch America Services, to its parent, Touch America.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.4.46 (Dave B)

On April 12, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-12 "ISDN Single Line Service Promotion." During the promotional period from May 7, 2001 through August 3, 2001, customers subscribing to ISDN

Single Line Service under one, two, three or five year rate stability plan will receive one month free service. The promotion is available on orders placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the next available due date and where facilities are available.

2. CENTURYTEL SERVICE GROUP, INC Docket N2001.4.49 (Leroy)

On April 25, 2001, CenturyTel, filed Tariff Advice No. 2001-3, requesting that the current additional line promotion be extended through June 30, 2001. During that time, the company will continue to waive the non-recurring charges for customers who subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-05-07

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2001.4.49 – CenturyTel – Tariff filing #12