

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-07-31
Addendum**

Date Published: July 26, 2001
For Work Week Commencing: July 30, 2001
Business Meeting: July 31, 2001, 9:00 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>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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

1. D2001.3.30 – Implementation of HB 645 – Electrical Energy Pool – Discuss possible modifications/additions to demand exchange program established in Order 6355 (7/31/01)
2. D2000.1.11 – Qwest and Citizens – Sale of exchanges – Place holder, to discuss the withdrawal of Citizens and Qwest (7/31/01)
3. L-01.4.1-RUL, D2000.2.26, n/a, other matters – Multiple slamming and cramming matters – Omnibus discussion, direction, action on slamming and cramming matters, pending and in general (7/31/01)
4. MITS presentation to PSC – Consider scheduling a presentation by MITS (7/31/01)
5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Investigation into Qwest's compliance with Section 271 of the federal Telecommunications Act – Discuss and act on draft Preliminary Report on Checklist Item 1 – Interconnection (8/2/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. N2001.7.85 – Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) (Ryan)

On July 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed: Notice and Application for Approval of Detariffed New Services – Local Plus (+) Toll Free, Toll Blocking, and Conference Service. Memo has been routed.

2. N2001.7.86 – Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) (Ryan)

On July 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed: Notice of Withdrawal of Services: Private Line Services, Wide Area Telecommunications Service and Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service. Memo has been routed.

3. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.7.88 (Leroy)

On July 3, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-19 "Federal Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Credit Increase. The purpose of the filing is to increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$4.35 to \$5.00 to offset the \$0.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge. Qwest is requesting an effective date of July 3, 2001 in order that the increase in the Montana TAP credit coincide with the effective date of the increase in Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

4. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D2001.7.82 (Eric)

On July 2, 2001, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on July 5, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by July 30, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$18,927 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

5. MMW ARCHITECTS & MPC D2001.7.90 (Joel)

On July 10, 2001, MMW Architects of Missoula and MPC filed a request for an exemption from the tariffed service rules prohibiting master metering in multiple occupancy buildings. MMW is designing an 18 unit housing project referred to as HomeWORD and has provided the required cost data showing the cost of separate meters versus master metering.

6. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2001.5.64 (David)

On May 29, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-15, "Digital Switched Services (DSS) Revisions." The filing provides the following:

1. Provide an optional contact payment arrangement, rate stability plan, to customers who subscribe to Basic Digital Switched Services.
2. Modify terms and conditions removing restrictions on PBX trunks, Private Line, Basic Exchange access lines, and Joint User from being allowed to ride on channels of DSS-DS1 facilities.

7. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2001.6.68 (David)

On May 31, 2001, Qwest Communications filed tariff Transmittal 01-17, "Introduce Complete-a-Cal." This optional feature, "Complete-a-Call", will be available when customers call directory assistance. "Complete-a-Call" allows the customer to request the completion of the call to the requested number by the directory assistance operator or by the audio response system. The rate for the call completion transaction is \$.35. This feature is currently an offering by many other directory assistance vendors.

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.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-08-07

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2001.7.93 – Montana Power Co – MPC for approval of electric power purchase agreement under MPC's default supply
- D2001.7.94 – Montana- Dakota – MDU securities issues