

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-08-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 6, 2001
Business Meeting: August 7, 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>.

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

1. D2001.7.93 – Montana Power Company - Power Service Agreement – Discuss possible action on MPC's request for approval of Rocky Mtn Power contract. (8/7/01)
2. 2000.1.11 - Qwest and Citizens – Sale of exchanges – Place holder, to discuss the withdrawal of Citizens and Qwest (8/7/01)
3. N2001.5.64 – Qwest – Digital Switched Services (DSS) Revisions – concern over locking customers into contracts over five years and affect on competition. Qwest has offered to remove any contract offering over five years. (8/7/01)
4. N2001.6.68 - Qwest – Complete-a-Call – Explain staff concerns over failure for Qwest's Complete-a-Call's taped message to adequately inform consumers that when Qwest completes a call for \$.35 it connects the call for IntraLATA Qwest rates. (8/7/01)

5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Investigation into Qwest’s compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act – Discuss issues and make tentative findings on checklist items 11 (local number portability) and 14 (resale) from Workshop I (8/7/01)
6. D2000.5.70 – Qwest - – Investigation into Qwest’s compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act – Placeholder regarding Qwest’s 7/31/2001 letter regarding 271 schedule and Montanan review process (8/7/01)

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. Qwest Communications, Inc. Docket N2001.7.96 (Scott)

This Docket pertains to 711 Service Deployment; previously Qwest stated that Montana would be 711 capable by June 30, 2001. Staff is requesting that the Commission direct Qwest to implement its 711 in order to begin testing. A memo and draft Order has been circulated.

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 N2001.7.96 (Scott)
 On July 26, 2001, Qwest Communication made a filing with the Montana Public Service Commission in Tariff Transmittal 01-21 "711 Services Deployment". N11 dialing codes provide the end-user with the ability to dial a three-digit code rather than a seven or ten digit number and connect to a pre-programmed telephone number as if that number was dialed directly. 711 will be used for Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS) for the speech and hearing impaired. Qwest proposes that the TRS providers in Montana (Sprint Relay) will be charged a one-time implementation charges for service establishment and central office switch activation. Also, it is Qwest intention to waive the charge per call routed until such time as a new contract for the provision of TRS is negotiated with the Montana Telecommunications Access Program (MTAP). Customers using 711 to access TRS will not incur additional expenses for using this service. TRS calls will remain toll free to customers even though users will access TRS via 711 rather than the toll free number they may be accustomed to using.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.8.102 (Leroy)
 On July 31, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-25 "Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Line." Business customers who purchase a *Stand-By Line* during the promotional period will be mailed a coupon to verify their name and address. Once the customer returns the coupon, a \$50.00 gift certificate to redeem at an online retail site will be mailed to the customer. The customer must keep the *Stand-By Line* in service for 60 days before the gift card will be mailed. This promotion will be available to new and existing business customers who subscribe to a *Stand-By Line*. The limited time promotion will run from September 4, 2001 through November 2, 2001.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-8-14

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2001.7.95 Montana Power Company – Request to Establish a Tariff Provision for the Electric, Gas, and Regulated Propane Service Tariffs Addressing License, Right-of-Way, Franchise, Business, Privilege, or Other Assessed Taxes, Fees, Rentals
- N2001.7.96 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 01-21 – 711 Services Deployment
- N2001.7.97 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 01-22 – 211, 311, 511 Services Deployment
- N2001.7.98 Clark Fork Telecommunications - Access Tariff
- D2001.7.99 Havre Pipeline Company – Rate Increase
- N2001.7.100 Montana Power Company - Annual Avoided Cost Compliance Filing
- D2001.7.101 PSC vs. Business Savings Plan – Slamming Complaint
- N2001.8.102 Qwest Corporation - Tariff Transmittal 01-25 Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Lines
- D2001.8.103 PSC Investigation into Qwest Corporation's Compliance with TRACK A of Section 271 of The Telecommunications Act of 1996