

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 01-09-05**

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Business Meeting: September 5, 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. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Investigation into Qwest's compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Discuss and act on final report on "paper" workshop checklist items (3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12) (9/5/01)

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.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.8.113 (Leroy)

On, August 23, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-29 to introduce DSS 1 Year Rate Stability Plan, reduce the DSS DS3 NRC charges, and to introduce a Rollover and Signaling Design Change Charge for DSS and UAS.

**One Year RSP** - DSS provides customers a digital connection from their PBX or Call Distribution CPE to the Public Switched Network. DSS is purchased as an alternative to PBX trunks which provide analog connections for PBX systems. DSS is composed of two elements. The DSS facility is a DS1 operating at 1.544 kbs from the customers' PBX to the USW central office. At the central office, DSS trunks are arranged to provide in, out or two-way connections to the Public Switched Network. DSS is arranged as either basic or advanced with basic arrangements having "line" side connections and advanced having "trunk" side connections. Qwest is proposing to introduce a one-year RSP option to meet customer demand for such an option. The proposed rates for the Advanced DSS arrangements for a one year RSP for DS1 is \$145.00 monthly recurring, and \$850.00 non-recurring, for In Only Advanced Trunk, \$63.33 recurring and 73.10 non-recurring, for Out Only Advanced Trunk, \$23.43 recurring and \$73.10 non-recurring, for Two Way Advanced Trunk, \$63.53 recurring and \$73.10 non-recurring.

**Reduction of the NRC when the DSS facility is provisioned on DS3** - Qwest is proposing to reduce the non-recurring charge for placing the DSS service on a DS3 service from \$900 to \$325.

**Introduce a Rollover and Signaling Design Change Charge for DSS and UAS** - Qwest is proposing to introduce two non-recurring charge options for 1) "rolling over" an existing DS1 on an existing DS3 and 2) changing the signaling design for the DSS or UAS facility. These charges would be assessed rather than the current non-recurring charges. Qwest is requesting an effective date for this filing of September 10, 2001.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.8.114 (Leroy)

On, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-30 "Digital Switched Service Promotion". During a 90 day promotional period beginning September 10, and ending December 7, 2001, non-recurring

charges will be waived for customers entering into a one year rate stability agreement for DSS advanced service arrangements. This waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed by March 7, 2002. The promotion is only available where it is technically feasible to provide service and facilities are available during the promotional period.

3. CENTURYTEL SERVICE GROUP, INC Docket N2001.8.117(Leroy)

On August 28, 2001 CenturyTel of Montana submitted Tariff P.S.C. Mont. No. 12 to introduce a Centrex promotional offering in which the network access line connection non-recurring charge of \$31.20 will be waived for business or Centrex customers who subscribe to additional or new Centrex lines and features. If approved the promotional period will be from October 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

4. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2001.8.115 (Dave)

On August 23, 2001, Qwest Communication filed Tariff Transmittal 01-31, ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) non-recurring charge waiver promotion. ISDN (PRS) provides a digital four-wire full duplex transmission path/ at 1.544 mbps equivalent to a F1 facility. PRS is offered with either 23 B-channels and one D-channel (23B+D) or with 24 B-channels (24B) allowing customers the flexibility to develop configurations to meet their system needs. Each channel operates at 64 kbps carrying user information such as voice calls, circuit switched data, or video. A 24 B-channel facility cannot be purchased without at least one 23B+D since the D-channel is required to carry the signaling information for both facilities.

During a promotional period from September 17, 2001 through December 14, 2001 business customers subscribing to a 3 Year Rate Stabilized Agreement for ISDN Primary Rate Service will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charges associated with the T1 facilities, Service Configurations and ISDN trunk connections. This waiver is available on service ordered during the promotional period and installed by March 17, 2002 and where service is technically feasible and facilities are available.

5. Qwest Communication Docket, Inc. Docket No. N2001.8.116 (Scott)

On August 24, 2001 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 01-28 Business or Centrex 21 Additional Line Promotion. Existing business customers who

purchase an additional flat-rated business line or an additional Centrex 21 analog line during the promotional period will be mailed three \$50.00 credit coupons. The customer may submit only one credit coupon per month with their bill payment and all coupons must be redeemed by October 1, 2002. This promotion will run from September 24, 2001, through December 21, 2001 and will be applicable to existing business customers where the service is technically available.

6. Qwest Communication Docket , Inc. Docket No. N2001.8.108 (Scott)

On August 16, 2001 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 01-27 Centrex 21 enhancement. Centrex 21 is a flat rate, business service for customers with 3 to 50 station lines. This filing is designed to enhance Centrex 21 Service by lowering the threshold from a minimum of 3 lines to 2, eliminating the loop extension charge, waiving the nonrecurring conversion charge for customers subscribing to the 60 month contract and allowing customers more flexibility on optional features. Qwest also proposes raising the month to month rates to \$46.95 from \$46.33 and offsetting the addition revenue by lowering the nonrecurring installation charge for basic business access lines from \$61.40 to \$61.25.

7. Qwest Communication Docket, Inc. Docket No. N2001.7.97 (Scott)

On July 26, 2001 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 01-22 for 211, 311 and, 511 Services Deployment. N11 provides 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. The use of each specific code is as follows: 211 is for Public, health, and community services, 311 is for Non-emergency police, fire and municipal business calls, and 511 is for Road and traffic conditions.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-09-11**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2001.8.111 – PSC - Operator Service Provider Rate Caps

D2001.8.112 – Qwest – Qwest/Qwick interconnection agreement

- N2001.8.113 – Qwest – Tariff 01-28 Intro DSS plan, reduce DSS DS3 NCR changes, intro rollover, signal design change charge for DSS & UAS
- N2001.8.114 – Qwest – Tariff 01-30 Digital switched service DDS promo
- N2001.8.115 – Qwest – Tariff 01-31 ISDN primary rate service
- N2001.8.116 – Qwest – Tariff 01-28 Business or centrex 21 promo
- N2001.8.117 – CenturyTel – Tariff 2001-6 Intro Centrex promo
- D2001.8.118 – MDU – Request for waiver of Part 192.321(a)