

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-10-16**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 15, 2001
Business Meeting: October 16, 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).

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. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY Docket N2001.10.131 (Leroy)

On October 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company filed Notice and Application for Approval of Detariffed new Services - DND - Telemarketing Service. This is a new innovative service which allows subscribers greater control of their privacy by providing an optional method for screening telemarketers. It is designed to inform all callers in advance via a recording that the subscriber to this service does not accept calls from telemarketers. If the telemarketer proceeds beyond the recording, or calls again after receiving the recorded message, they may be in violation

of FCC rule 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1200, and subject to state and/or federal penalties. When the service is provided in conjunction with Caller ID only incoming callers who block the calling number delivery capability would reach the recording. Activation and de-activation of DND - Telemarketing is controlled by the subscriber to the service.

2. Citizens Communications, Docket No. N2001.10.130 (Scott)

On October 1, 2001, Citizens Communication filed Advice Letter No. MT-01-10. The purpose of this filing is for a Citizens Select, Citizens Select Plus, and Citizens Business Select promotion where the Company will waive the initial non-recurring charge for installation. This promotion is scheduled to run from October 29, 2001, until January 29, 2002.

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. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D2001.10.134 (Eric)

On October 10, 2001, MPC filed an application seeking authority to issue up to \$150,000,000 of secured long-term debt in the form of First Mortgage Bonds. The term of the authority in through and including December 31, 2003. The term of the bonds will be not less than nine months and not more than forty years. The proceeds from the sale of securities will be used by MPC to refinance short-term debt, and possibly higher-cost long-term debt, and for other corporate purposes.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-10-23

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2001.10.132 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 01-32 Grandfather certain Calling Connection Plans

D2001.10.133 – Montana Power Co – Request for exemption to Master Meter Rule

D2001.10.134 – Montana Power Co – Application to incur secured bonds