

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-01-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 14, 2002
Business Meeting: January 15, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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

1. D97.7.90, D2001.1.5, D2001.10.144 – MPC Electricity Dockets – Placeholder work session to address issues as necessary. 1/15/02
2. D97.7.90/D2001.1.5 - MPC Electricity Dockets – Presentation on stipulations and settlements. 1/15/02
3. D97.7.90/D2001.1.5 – MPC Electricity Dockets – Placeholder to act on anticipated applications from Lee Roberts for pro hac vice (special) admission for purposes of these dockets. 1/15/02

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. Cut Bank Gas Company, Docket No. D2001.12.176 (Dave B.)

On December 28, 2001, Cut Bank Gas Company filed an application to pass through the Montana Power Company natural gas rate decrease. On an interim basis Cut Bank Gas requests to reduce its MCF from \$5.940329 per MCF to \$4.871329 per MCF or a \$1.069 per MCF reduction. This reduction would be effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2002, and remain in effect until a final decision is made on MPC's rate decrease in Docket No. D2001.12.156 and Docket No. D96.2.22.

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1. Spring Telephone Company, Docket No. N2002.1.5 (Scott)

On January 8, 2002, Hot Spring Telephone Company filed with the Commission revised tariff sheets for housekeeping changes and deletion to the Hot Springs Payphone (and Public Access Line (PAL)) tariffs. These changes are to remove obsolete tariffs and otherwise conform to previous FCC and PSC orders. No current customers will be affected by these changes.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-01-22

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2002.1.1 Qwest Corporation & VarTec Telecom Inc. - Statement of Generally Accepted Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services
- D2002.1.2 Avisa Communications - Request for a Waiver of Letter of Agency Requirements in 69-3-1301 through 69-3-1303, MCA and MPC Rules 38.5.3801 through 38.5.3810
- D2002.1.3 Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - Petition for Arbitration of Contract Negotiations with WWC Holding Co., Inc. Pursuant to 47 USC Sec. 252
- N2002.1.4 Qwest Corporation - Tariff Transmittal 02-01 - DSS, UAS, ISDN PRS, and Centrex Prime Promotion