

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-02-14**

Date Published: February 7, 2002
For Work Week Commencing: February 11, 2002
Business Meeting: February 14, 2002, 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.

1. D99.5.129 – Project Telephone and Triangle Telephone Cooperative - EAS (Billings Region) – Discussion, Direction, and Action on Draft Final Order. (2/14/02)
2. N2002.1.12 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. - Proposed Tariff Pages – Placeholder: Discuss Procedure and Obtain Commission Direction. (2/14/02)
3. D2001.11.153 - Qwest/Regal Diversified – Discuss Terms of Resale Agreement. (2/14/02)
4. D2002.2.14 – Qwest's Proposed Preferred Local Carrier Freeze Option – Discuss Option and AT&T's Request that the Commission Prohibit It; Act on Draft Notice of Inquiry. (2/14/02)

5. Qwest's notice to customers regarding sharing of customer's account information – Review draft of comments to be submitted to FCC. (2/14/02)
6. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss Public Interest Issues for Inclusion in a Draft PSC Preliminary Report. (2/14/02)
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss Collocation Issues for Inclusion in a PSC Final Report. (2/14/02)

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. Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co., Docket D98.1.14, Contact Service Rate 35

(Dave B.)

On January 22, 2002, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed its Contract Service Rate 35, Volume 3 Second Revised Sheet No. 23 updated to reflect the terms of the Service Agreement between MDU and Encore Acquisition Inc. The Contract Service Rate 35 for the period March 2, 2002 through March 1, 2003 is 3.414¢ per Kwh down (.062)¢ from the PPI adjusted rate currently in effect of 3.4763¢ per Kwh as approved by the Commission on February 20, 2001 in Order No. 6055a. The most recent Producer Price Index by the Bureau of Labor Statistics used for this agreement is December's 137.2. MDU requests this decrease in rates be effective from March 2, 2002 through March 1, 2003.

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. PG&E ENERGY TRADING – POWER, L.P. Docket N2002.1.9 (Will)

On January 23, 2002, PG&E Energy Trading – Power, L.P. filed an application for a license to supply electricity in the state of Montana. If it is granted a license, PG&E would solicit and serve large commercial and industrial customers.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS (Leroy)

On February 8, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-05, DSS, UAS & ISDN PRS promotion. This proposed promotion for Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), Uniform Access Solution (UAS), and ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) is for the period from March 4, 2002 through April 30, 2002. During this time, customers subscribing to DSS, ISDN PRS, or UAS will have a two-year contract option available with the DSS and UAS options priced at \$815 per month and ISDN PRS at \$955 per month. These bundled prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, and with ISDN PRS it also includes the service configuration. This promotion is available on orders placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the net available offered due date, and where facilities are available. Qwest is requesting a March 4, 2002 effective date.

3. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. DOCKET NO. D2002.2.15 (Eric)

On February 6, 2002, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue up to 100,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock to be issued from time to time in connection with MDU Resources Group, Inc. Group Genius Innovation Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to share ideas with the Company and to reward employees should those ideas become profitable. The Plan is open to all employees.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-02-21

New Filings Received in Past Week

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| N 2002.2.13 | Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 02-05 - DSS, UAS & ISDN PRS Promotion |
| D2002.2.14 | PSC Inquiry into Qwest's Proposal to Implement a Preferred Local Carrier Freeze Program in Montana. |
| D2002.2.15 | MDU Resources Group, Inc. - Application for Authority to Issue an Additional 100,000 shares of Company Common Stock in connection with MDU Resources Group, Inc. Group Genius Innovation Plan |