

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-08-06**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 5, 2002  
Business Meeting: August 6, 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. D2002.5.59 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Gas General Rate Case – Discussion, Direction, Action on Motions and Objections. (08/06/02)
2. N2002.7.85 and N2002.7.86 – Lincoln Telephone Co. and Clark Fork Telephone Co. – Applications for Annual Report Protective Orders – Discussion, Direction, Action on Requests for Protective Orders. (08/06/02)
3. D2001.7.98 – Clark Fork Telecommunication – Non-Rate Amendments to Access Tariffs – Discussion, Direction, Action on Motion to Strike. (08/06/02)
4. N2002.7.96 and D2002.3.33 – Montana ETCS and PSC – Annual Certification to FCC, USF NOI - – Discussion, Direction, Action on Annual Certification and NOI. (08/06/02)
5. D97.4.63, D97.7.116, D98.6.141, D99.2.36 – Airpage, PSC, CFT, Ronan, Qwest – Dismissal, With or Without Condition, of Inactive Complaints - – Discussion, Direction, Action on Dismissal of Inactive Complaints. (08/06/02)

6. Post-271 Qwest Performance Plan Oversight Activities – Discuss and Obtain Commission Direction on Response to ROC's Letter to Qwest States Regarding Alternatives for Multi-State Long-Term PID Administration and other QPAP Oversight Activities. (08/06/02)
7. D2002.5.60 – Mountain Water Co. – Motion for Interim Approval – Approval of Purchased Power Tracking Adjustment on Interim Basis. (08/06/02)

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. BLACK HILLS POWER D2002.6.7 (Eric)

On June 18, 2002, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on June 21, 2002. Requests for hearing were due by July 30, 2002. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$17,036 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

**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 Pac's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyTel N2002.7.90 (Scott)

CenturyTel Filed tariff Transmittal No. 02-06. In this filing CenturyTel is requesting to change the deposit regulations related to conditions under which the Company may request security deposits from carriers. The company stated that it is facing greater risks for uncollectible due to the

payment defaults and feels these revisions are necessary to ensure that adequate security is held as a guarantee of payment.

2. Qwest Communications N2002.6.66 (Scott)

Qwest filed tariff transmittal 02-17 on June 13, 2002. In this filing Qwest is requesting two new proposed residential packages named Two-Line PopularChoice and Two-Line CustomChoice-Complete. Two-Line PopularChoice contains the same features as the PopularChoice. In addition this package will also include an additional line. The Two-Line CustomChoice-Complete contains the same feature as the current CustomChoice-Complete package. In addition this package will also include an additional flat-rate residence line and Line-Backer.

3. Qwest Communications N2002.7.94 (Scott)

Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-AC03 on July 23, 2002. In this filing Qwest is requesting revisions to Section 6 & 15 of Qwest's Montana Access Service Tariff. This filing adds Universal Service Order Code (USOCs) to various existing transport elements. These USOCs are being added to bring USOCs in the state access tariff in alignment with those in the FCC Tariff #1. Among the Sections added was Section 16, Switched Access Service – Pricing Flexibility. There are no rate changes proposed with the listing of these additional USOCs in this filing and there is neither rate impact on customers nor revenue impact to Qwest.

4. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2002.7.92 (LEROY)

On July 18, 2002 Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-20, Business Caller ID Promotion. New or existing business customers who purchase CustomChoice for Business that includes Caller ID Name and Number during the promotional period of August 5, 2002 through September 27, 2002 will receive a free Caller ID unit and will only pay \$4.95 shipping and handling. In addition, a business who orders Caller ID Name and Number on a stand-alone basis will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge to install the feature and will receive a free Caller ID unit and will only pay \$4.95 shipping and handling. Orders must be placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date beyond the end of the promotional period. The promotion will be offered to business customers only where service is technically available.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-August 13**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N2002.7.92 Qwest – TT 02-16 Business Caller ID Promotion
- D2002.7.93 NorthWestern Energy – PSC Inquiry into Role of Default Supply
- N2002.7.94 Qwest – TT 02-AC03 – New Access USOC's
- D2002.7.95 Qwest/Centel Com – Interconnection Agreement
- N2002.7.96 Montana ETC's Annual Certification to FCC & USAC
- N2002.7.97 CenturyTel - Tariff Transmittal 02-7 - Addition of Late Payment Charge