

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-10-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 30, 2002  
Business Meeting: October 1, 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. USB Funding – Discussion of Current and Future Uses of USB Funding. (10/01/02)
2. D2002.8.100 and D2002.6.63 – Whitehall Wind and NorthWestern Energy – Update on the Status of These Dockets - (10/01/02)
3. D2002.7.80 – NorthWestern Energy – Issue Order Granting Motion. (10/01/02)
4. D2000.7.98 – NorthWestern Energy – Commission Rule on Whether to Grant or Deny the Contracts. (10/01/02)
5. D2002.5.59 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Action on Coalition Motion for Reconsideration of Requirement to Obtain Lawyer. (10/01/02)
6. D2001.12.156 and D2002.1.11 (D96.2.22 Related) – NorthWestern Energy – Discussion and Action on Stipulation. (10/01/02)

7. D2002.6.77 – Energy West Montana – Discussion and Action on Energy West Montana Request for Suspension of Proceedings. (10/01/02)
8. D2002.7.87 – Qwest – Discussion and Action on Motion for Reconsideration of Denied Protective Order. (10/01/02)
9. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Discuss and Action on Qwest's Request to Approve PO-20 and include it in the QPAP. (10/01/02)
10. MPSC – Discuss Proposed Legislation. (10/01/02)
11. D2001.7.101 – Business Savings Plan – Discuss BSP's Proposal for Settlement. (10/01/02)
12. Granrud Water Transfer to District – Act on Petition. (10/01/02)
13. Pipeline Safety Rules – Discuss and Approve Annual Update to Pipeline Safety Rules. (10/01/02)
14. BTU Monitoring Contracts – Discuss and Direction on Annual BTU Monitoring Contract. (10/01/02)
15. Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) Meeting – Share Information on Discussion from the ROC Meeting. (10/01/02)

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. Qwest Communications                      N2002.9.117                      (Scott)

On September 12, 2002, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 02-28. Qwest is requesting a promotion for customers subscribing to Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), or Uniform Access Solution (USA) will have a 36 month contract option available with the DSS and UAS options priced at \$855 per month and ISDN PRS at \$995 per month. This promotion is only available where it is technically feasible to provide services and where facilities are available. Contracts must be signed by January 10, 2003, and the customer requested installation date may be no later than March 10, 2003. The

promotional period is scheduled to run from October 14, 2002 through January 10, 2003.

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1. Qwest Communication N2002.9.118 (Scott)

On September 17, 2002 Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 02-AC05. Qwest is proposing to add a new service for interexchange carriers called Managed Long Distance (MLD) Service. MLD is a wholesale platform service offered by Qwest to IXC's to monitor and control long distance spending of end-user customers. MLD will provide limited 1+ direct dialing access to end user customers that are credit challenged. End user customers will have a spending limit of \$20.00 per month with their choice of participating carriers. Qwest will assess to carriers a charge of \$.07 per minute of use. Each IXC will establish their own specific charges to be assessed to end user customers. Qwest request this filing to introduce Managed Long Distance Become effective October 14, 2002.

2. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS N2002.9.119 (LEROY)

On September 23, 2002 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-02-10 for approval of a special promotion. This promotion is to waive the Nonrecurring Records Only Charges for existing Residential customers who order Citizens Select / Select Plus services. In addition, the customers will receive a \$10.00 credit for Citizens Select / Select Plus services on their first month's bill. The promotion will run from October 15, 2002 through November 15, 2002. This promotion is offered only where technically available.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-10-08**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2002.9.119 –Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Special Promotion

D2002.9.120 – Energy West – Application of Energy West for a General Rate Case – 2002 Rate Filing

N2002.9.121 – Qwest – TT 02-24 – Business Product Save Offer Promotion Price List Revisions Notification