

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-10-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 28, 2002  
Business Meeting: October 29, 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>.

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

1. D2002.7.80 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual Avoided Costs, QF. 10/29/02
2. D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind LLC – Application for QF Rates & Conditions. 10/29/02
3. Default Supply Resource Planning and Procurement Guidelines. 10/29/02
4. D2000.6.80 – Qwest SGAT. 10/29/02
5. D2000.1.3, D2002.6.67, D97.11.226, D97.4.64, D98.12.281, D99.10.240, D2000.11.200 – Qwest and: TW Wireless, Sprint Spectrum, 3 Rivers PCS, CommNet Cellular, Ionex Communications North, Multiband Communications, Avista Communications of Montana – Interconnection Agreements and Amendments to Interconnection Agreements. 10/29/02
6. D2000.5.63; D2000.1.4 – Ronan-Blackfoot Settlement Agreement. 10/29/02

7. L-02-6.3-RUL – PSC Protective Order Rule Amendments. 10/29/02

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 Docket D2002.10.122 (Eric)

On October 1, 2002, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on October 3, 2002. Requests for hearing were due by October 28, 2002. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$17,508 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

2. Qwest Communications Docket No. N2002.9.113 (Scott)

On September 5, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-26 ISDN Single Line Promotion. In this filing Qwest is requesting that customers subscribing to ISDN single line service under a one, two, three or five year rate stability agreement will receive a waiver of non-recurring charges and a \$55 credit against monthly recurring charges on their first telephone bill after installation. Contracts must be signed by December 27, 2002. The customer requested installation date may be no later than February 25, 2003.

3. Central Montana Communications Docket N2002.10.124 (Scott)

On October 11, 2002, Central Montana Communications filed changes in its tariffs. Central Montana Communications is requesting that the nonrecurring rate for 1+900 and/or 1+800 blocks has been increased from \$8.68 to \$10.00 the nonrecurring charge of \$10.00 will also apply to the removal of other blocks such as call trace, continuous redial and last call return. These changes will more accurately reflect the actual cost of the removal, as well as aide in administrative ease.

4. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2002.10.125 (LEROY)

On October 15, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-29, Introduction of 3 Year Rate Stabilized Term for Qwest Business Line Plus (QBLP). Qwest Business Line Plus is a package of three features available to business customers in conjunction with an individual or additional flat rate access line. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to the following three standard features: Call Forwarding – Variable; Call Transfer and Three-way calling. This filing is designed to allow customers another term when selecting QBLP by making a 3-year rate stabilized term available. In addition, the tariff language is being revised to allow verbal commitments by customers to the rate stabilized plans. Customers selecting a RSP will be sent a written confirmation outlining the features, terms and rates of the RSP the customer selected. Qwest is requesting a November 14, 2002 effective date for this additional option.

**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.

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

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-11-07**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**