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MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-12-03

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Business Meeting: December 3, 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. **(12/02/02) – 2:00 p.m. - *D2002.8.100* – Whitehall Wind – Application for QF Rates with NWE.**
2. D2002.10.129 and D2002.10.131 – NWE – EWG Filings. (12/03/02)
3. D2002.7.81 – PSC and NorthWestern Energy – Repeal of HB474, NWE Proceeding. (12/03/02)
4. D2002.11.140 – NWE – Gas Tracker. (12/03/02)
5. FCC 96-45 – PSC. (12/03/02)

Other Meetings

12/06/02 - 9:00 a.m. – D2002.5.59 – MDU Gas Rate Case Stip Pres (Billings, Yellow County, Room 105)

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 N2002.11.146 (LEROY)

On November 21, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-32, Consumer Packaging Changes. The proposed changes and additions are as follows:

- ✦ Reduce the recurring rate for the current ValueChoice package and eliminate the \$5 nonrecurring charge.
- ✦ Introduce a two-line version of the ValueChoice package
- ✦ Introduce a new package named PreferredChoice. This package contains all of the features in the current PopularChoice package in addition to LineBacker. The package will be rated at \$34.99.
- ✦ Introduce a two line version of the PreferredChoice package at a rate of \$49.99.

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1. Qwest Communications N2002.11.147 (Scott)

On November 18, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-31. In this filing Qwest is requesting a reduction to Public Access Line (PAL) rates. The Basic PAL access line rate is being reduced to \$16.80 from 38.94 and the Smart PAL access line rate is being reduced to \$17.39 from \$38.40. The Basic PAL Message line rate is being reduced to \$15.42 from \$24.85 and the Smart PAL Message line rate is being reduced to \$16.02 from \$23.51. The PAL message charge is being reduced to \$0.03 per call from \$0.04 per call. This filing is being made at this time to comply with FCC Order No. 02-025 which provided a new service test for PAL service that lowers PAL rates.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-12-10

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2002.11.144 – NWE – Exclusive Service Territory Agreement between Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative and NorthWestern Energy

D2002.11.145 – Northern Telephone Cooperative Association – Establishment of Extended Service – Sweet Grass, N Cut Bank, Kevin/Oilmont, Ethridge, Devon, Sunburst, Shelby and Cut Bank

N2002.11.146 – Qwest – TT 0232 – Consumer Packaging Changes

N2002.11.147 – Qwest – TT 02-31 – Public Access Line (PAL) Rate Decrease

D2002.11.148 - Qwest & MCIMetro Access Transmission Service LLC Adopting Qwests Statement of Generally Accepted Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services

D2002.11.149 - Telecom Professional Inc - Application of Matrix Telecom, Inc. and International Exchange Communications for Approval of the Transfer of Certain Assets and Related Transactions and a Waiver of Applicable Anti-Slamming Regulations