

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-04-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 28, 2003  
Commission Meeting: April 29, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST CORPORATION N2003.4.48 (Leroy)

On April 8, 2003, Qwest Corporation filed tariff transmittal 03-09, ISDN Single Line Promotion. Qwest is proposing that during the promotional period from May 12, 2003 through June 30, 2003, customers subscribing to ISDN Single Line Service month-to-month or under a one, two, three, or five-year rate stability agreement would receive a \$100.00 credit for all new lines. Customers will also receive Satisfaction Assurance within the first 60 days following installations. If service does not meet customers expectations, service may be terminated without contract Termination Liability charges. Customers would then only be billed for the time they had the service and for

the installation charges. Contracts must be signed by June 30 and the requested install date may be no later than August 29, 2003. Qwest is requesting a May 12, 2003, effective date.

2. BLACK HILLS POWER D2003.3.42 (Eric)

On March 28, 2003, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on March 31, 2003. Requests for hearing were due by April 28, 2003. No requests have been received. This application will decrease revenues by \$3,269 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

3. Energy West Incorporated D2003.4.51 (Eric)

On April 16, 2003, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue 200,000 shares of Common Stock pursuant to the 2002 Energy West Stock Option Plan. A default order has been drafted.

4. NorthWestern Energy, D2000.7.98 (Robin)

The Commission issued Order No. 6470, Order on Application to Approve Special Service Contracts, on December 20, 2002. Following extension of the deadline Barretts Minerals filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 6470 on February 7, 2003. On April 8, 2003 Barretts filed a notice withdrawing its Motion for Reconsideration. Both Barretts and Louisiana Pacific have reached a settlement of issues in this docket with NorthWestern Energy. Order No. 6470 is now final for purposes of appeal. Staff recommends action closing this docket.

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

1. Local Directory Assistance – Call Allowance. (4/29/03)

2. N2003.3.38 – Central Montana Communications – Directory Assistance Charges. (4/29/03)
3. D2002.7.87 – Qwest – Application for Wholesale Prices for Network Elements. (4/29/03)
4. HB 479 – Registration of Service Providers and billing Aggregators. (4/29/03)
5. D2003.1.2 – Public Service Commission – Town of Westby

**Other Meetings**

None

**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.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

**D2003.4.52** – Mooseweb Corporation d/b/a MONTANAskY.Net – Mediation of its Negotiation with Frontier/Citizens for Resale and Interconnection Agreements – Petition for mediation

**D2003.4.53** – Energy West – Application for Monthly Gas Tracker