

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 04-02-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 23, 2004

Commission Meeting: Thursday February 26, 2004, 1:30 p.m.

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**1:00 p.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**1:30 p.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

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

1. **SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. MONTANA N2004.2.18**  
**(Leroy)**

On February 5, 2004, Sprint Communications filed its 212<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 1. The purpose of the filing is to make corrections to the Sprint/Sheetz minute Prepaid PhoneCard Rates; make a textual change and make new PCS customers eligible for Sprint Unlimited at Home. Sprint is requesting a February 12, 2004 effective date.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. N2004.2.20 (Leroy)

On February 6, 2004, Central Montana Communications filed tariffs to change the Local Network Access Line Service-Non-Recurring Charges to modify the Supplementary Service Additions/Charges to indicate that changing from one bundle to a lower cost bundle will result in a \$10.00 non-recurring charge; added Service Bundles-Monthly Recurring Charges to allow subscribers to receive a package of services for one price. Three bundles were created. The rate charged is dependent on whether the subscriber is residential or business and whether their exchange is in an EAS region; lowered its current monthly vacation rate from ½ the monthly rate to \$2.00 per month with a \$10 recurring charge; discontinued CLASS packages but grandfathered in those customers currently subscribing to one of the packages; deletes restriction of Changed Number Announcement for a maximum of 4 months.

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

1. D2002.12.153 – Qwest Long Distance – Discuss Protective Order. (2/26/04)
2. Multiple Telecom Carriers – Pending Interconnection Agreements. (2/26/04)
3. D2003.1.8, D2003.12.170, D2004.2.17, D2004.2.22 – Blackfoot Telephone, Western Montana Coalition, Ronan Telephone, and Hot Springs Telephone – Extended Area of Service Applications for the Missoula Region and Western Montana. (2/26/04)
4. N2004.1.15 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Default Supply Resource Procurement Plan. (2/26/04)
5. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (2/26/04)

**Other Meetings**

**2/23/04 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Plan Discussion Procedural Issues (Bollinger Room)**

**2/26/04 9:30 a.m. – Roundtable Discussion – Great Falls Tribune et. al. v., Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Power Company (Bollinger Room)**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**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.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS - D2000.6.80 (Kate)

On February 17, 2004, Qwest submitted a Notice of Modification to Exhibit B of Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms & Conditions (SGAT). Exhibit B is comprised entirely of the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) that are used to evaluate Qwest's service to its local service competitors. In this filing, Qwest proposes to: make administrative changes to increase the clarity and accuracy of, but not the meaning of, numerous PIDs; correct PO-16 (timely release notifications); and update certain subparts of GA-1 (gateway availability - IMA-GUI). Qwest requests the Commission allow the amended Exhibit B to take effect within 60 days of filing in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(f)(3) and that the Commission deem the amended Exhibit B to modify the SGAT and existing interconnection agreements that currently contain the PIDs as an exhibit.

2. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF MONTANA N2004.2.24  
(Leroy)

On February 13, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariffs for Commission review and approval. The purpose of the filing is to include additional bundles in the FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions package offerings to business customers. The FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions offers business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The additional bundles include ADSL and Frontier Internet Service at different speeds in the presently offered FrontierWorks Packages, and rate

stabilization packages of one, two and three years. Citizens is requesting a March 12, 2004 effective date.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2004.2.22 – Hot Springs Telephone – Application for Extended Area of Service

D2004.2.23 – Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems and Montana Telecommunications Association – Joint Petition Requesting that the Montana Public Service Commission Adopt Rules Pertaining to the Designation of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in Service Areas Served by Rural Telephone Companies

N2004.2.24 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions New Service