

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 04-11-04**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 1, 2004  
Commission Meeting: November 4, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

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

1. Qwest Services Corporation N2004.10.165 (Kim)

On October 14, 2004 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P. and Associates. This filing was submitted pursuant to *Section 2.18 - Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs.*

2. WINTER TERMINATION POLICY (no docket) (Phil)

The PSC's winter termination rules require regulated utilities to obtain PSC approval before shutting off electric or natural gas service to a nonpaying residential customer from November 1 to April 1. Commission policy has been to delegate authority on an annual basis to the PSC compliance staff to approve or disapprove utility requests for winter shutoffs. Staff seeks PSC action on delegation of authority for this winter's shutoff requests.

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

1. D2004.3.39 – Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone Company – Local Number Portability – Report on and receive direction on matters pending in the LNP suspension docket. (11/4/04)
2. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to report on and get direction on any matter related to the bankruptcy. (11//4/04)
3. PSC – Annual pipeline safety rules update – Approve 2004 amendments/update to pipeline safety rules. (11/4/04)
4. PSC – Annual BTU-monitoring contract renewal – Approve contract for 2004-2005 heating season. (11/4/04)
5. PSC Legislation – Discuss possible bill to increase pipeline safety maximum fines and other legislative matters that may arise. (11/4/04)

**Other Meetings**

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 Services Corporation N2004.10.172 (Kim)

On October 25, 2004 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and H&R Block Services, Inc. This filing was submitted pursuant to *Section 2.18 - Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence* of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs.

2. Qwest Services Corporation N2004.10.173 (Kim)

On October 25, 2004 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. This filing was submitted pursuant to *Section 2.18 - Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence* of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs.

3. Qwest Services Corporation N2004.10.174 (Kim)

On October 26, 2004 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and W.W. Grainger, Inc. This filing was submitted pursuant to *Section 2.18 - Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence* of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs.

4. MCI Communications N2004.10.171 (Scott)

On October 21, 2004, MCI filed a revision to its Montana Tariff No. 2. The purpose of this filing is to make a textual change to the Payphone Use Charge and Basic Calling Plan GG; add rates and language to Payphone Use Charge.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person

interested in seeking a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at 406-444-6199.

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2004.10.168 – Miller Oil Company – Application to Increase Rates for Propane Services in Its Culbertson, Montana Service Area and to Implement a Propane Cost Tracking Adjustment Procedure

D2004.10.169 – Qwest Corporation and SC TxLink – Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services

D2004.10.170 – Qwest Corporation and Southwestern Bell Communications Services aka SBC Long Distance – Amendment to Incorporate the Triennial Review Order and the USTA II Decision into the Interconnection Agreement

N2004.10.171 – MCI – Textual Change to Payphone Use Charge and Basic Calling Plan; Add Rates and Language to Payphone Use Charge

N2004.10.172 – Qwest Corporation and H&R Block Services, Inc. – Individual Case Basis Business Lines Agreement

N2004.10.173 – Qwest Corporation and Wells Fargo – Master Telecommunications Service Agreement

N2004.10.174 – Qwest Corporation and W.W. Grainger – Individual Case Basis (ICB) Rate Plan Agreement