

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-08-16**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 15, 2005
Commission Meeting: August 16, 2005, 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>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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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. AT &T Communications N2005.7.112 (Scott)

On July 21, 2005 AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2005-10. The purpose of this filing is to make the following changes: add text to clarify that ABN service is provided via a Term Plan Contract which includes a term and revenue commitment, and Introduce rates for new ABN term customers and existing customers that renew their ABN Term plan. Probable motion: Approve AT&T's Tariff Transmittal 2005-10 in Docket N2005.7.112.

2. Qwest Communications N2005.7.113 (Scott)

On July 21, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-PLT01 revision to Private Line Transport Service. This filing is being made to restructure the rate elements common to the Private Line Transport Service. Customers purchase for the most services a Network Access Channel, a Channel Performance, and Transport Mileage but also may purchase optional features by service type. Rather than displaying the rate elements by service type, Qwest is combining the service types under section headers of Network Access Channels, Channel Performances, Transport Mileage Bands and Optional Features. This restructure will not have any customer impact and no rates are revised with the filing. Probable motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 05-PLT01 in Docket N2005.7.113.

3. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2005.7.114 (Scott)

On July 29, 2005, Citizens filed advice letter MT-05-03, Business Connections new service. The purpose of this filing is to introduce the FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package offering to business customers. The FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package provides business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package will be offered on a contractual basis over a one, two or three year term. The customer may within 90 days of activating the service cancel their contract with out incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service. Probable motion: Approve Citizen's advice letter MT-05-03 in Docket N2005.7.114.

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

1. N2004.9.150 – City of Great Falls dba Electric City Power – License to supply electricity – Clarify that the current license held by the city authorizes the city to serve commercial and industrial customers with loads 300 KW or more. (8/16/05)
2. PSC – Gas and electric USB – Discussion, direction, action on proposed investigation or review of all Montana gas and electric utility USBs. (8/16/05)
3. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 – NorthWestern Energy – Gas and electric USB – Discussion, direction, action on modification to schedule, other matters as necessary. (8/16/05)

4. D2005.5.87 – NorthWestern Energy – 2005 gas tracker – Discussion and action on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary. (8/16/05)
5. N2005.6.101 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas procurement – Discussion, action on schedule, other matters as necessary. (8/16/05)
6. D2005.8.119 – Cut Bank Gas – Rate case, interim – Direction. (8/16/05)
7. D2004.9.145, D2005.4.49 – Mountain Water – General rates, tracker – Discussion, direction, action on status of case, motion for protective order, procedural schedule, Commissioners attending hearing, other matters as necessary. (8/16/05)

Other Meetings

8/17/05 2:00 p.m. – Ronan Telephone and Hot Springs Telephone information meeting (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.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

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

D2005.8.119 – Cut Bank Gas Company – Application for Change of Rate Schedule