

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 08-11-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 17, 2008  
Commission Meeting: November 20, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**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 Corporation N2008.11.126 (Gary)

On November 5, 2008 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval an Individual Case Basis (ICB) Agreement between Qwest and the Billings Clinic. Qwest is filing the ICB with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. The ICB is the result of Qwest's response to Billings Clinic which was seeking prices for their services and future service needs. The services purchased by Billings Clinic are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest. Probable Motion: Move to approve the ICB Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Billings Clinic in Docket No. N2008.11.126.

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

1. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas and electric USB investigation – Discuss draft final order and recommendations on NWE's natural gas and electric USB charges and programs. (11/20/08)
2. D2008.9.119 – Mountain Water Co. – Request for Protective Order – Act on request for protective order. (11/20/08)
3. Placeholder: Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Discuss OMS comments to FERC. (11/20/08)
4. Lee Bureau and Mary Jo Fox – Public information requests from the Lee Bureau and from Mary Jo Fox – To consider and act on as necessary issues that arise from these requests. (11/20/08)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**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.

1. Qwest Corporation N2008.11.128 (Gary)

On November 6, 2008 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and InfoUSA Marketing, Inc. (InfoUSA). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. The MSA is the result of InfoUSA seeking pricing for their services and future service needs. InfoUSA accepted a contract proposal by Qwest. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The services purchased by InfoUSA are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

2. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2008.11.125 (Eric)

On November 3, 2008, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$150,000,000 of short-term financing in the form of unsecured promissory notes and/or commercial paper. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development purposes, and for other general corporate purposes.

**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 wanting 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. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

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

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2008.11.128 – Qwest Corporation and InfoUSA Marketing Inc. – Individual Case Basis Agreement

D2008.11.129 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for Accounting Order to Recognize Pension Expense in Cost of Service