

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 09-09-15**

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Commission Meeting: September 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the latter 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.mt.gov>.

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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. Verizon Business Services N2009.8.111 (Scott)

On August 18, 2009 Verizon Business Services filed Transmittal Letter No. 09-08 - Montana Tariff No. 3. Verizon Business Services request the following; 1) Grandfather General Installation Waiver Plan, PRI BizPak Plan, and LD Voice-Outbound Plan; 2) Revise Flex T1 Plan; 3) Introduce General Installation Waiver Plan (v2.0); and 4) revise language in the Verizon Business Services Flexible T1 Plan and Verizon Business Services II Flex T1 Plus Plan.

Probable Motion: Approve Verizon's Transmittal Letter No. 09-08 in Docket N2009.8.111.

2. CenturyTel N2009.8.112 (Scott)

On August 21, 2009, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No. 09-03. The purpose of this filing is to update certain interstate tariff references. The Company requests an effective date of September 21, 2009. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal No. 09-03 in Docket N2009.8.112.

3. Central Montana Communications N2009.8.114 (Scott)

On August 27, 2009, Central Montana Communications (CMC) requested modifications to its tariffs. These changes included the following; 1) Change the definition of Foreign Directory Listing to include only the listing of parties who do not have local access service with the Association; 2) Clarify that installation charge remains on per access line basis; and 3) increase monthly charge for foreign listing from \$1.00 to \$3.00 and change definition of Foreign Directory listing per above.

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

1. Central Montana Communications – Central's request for FCC filing – Consider and act upon Central's request that the Commission file with the FCC seeking an audit of Alltel. (9/15/09)
2. D2007.9.117 – Landmark Water Co. LLC – Interim Rate Increase – Discuss and act on draft Order. (9/15/09)
3. Motor Carrier Definitions – Consider whether or how to proceed as regards definitions (e.g., "limousine," "charter bus," "taxicab," etc.) such as convening

roundtable discussion, proceeding to rulemaking or addressing issues with draft legislation. (9/15/09)

4. D2008.9.111 – Commission Investigation of Alltel's Compliance with ETC Designation Requirements – Discuss any and all matters in this docket to enable the Commission to provide the staff direction on drafting a Final Order. (9/15/09)

Other Meetings

9/15/09 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy informational meeting re: finance and financials (Bollinger Room)

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. Southern Montana Telephone Company N2009.8.113 (Scott)

On August 25, 2009, Southern Montana Telephone Company (SMTC) pursuant to §69-3- 901 MCA gives Notice of proposed Increase in Local Rates, SMTC proposes to increase its local residential service rates from \$11.50 per month to \$13.75 per month. It also proposes to increase its local business service rate from \$13.50 to \$16.75.

2. Qwest N2009.9.118 (Scott)

On September 8, 2009, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 09-04 – Network Premises Work Charges – Trenching Charges. This filing will create two new USOCs, one for trenching jobs 1-300 feet and one for trenching jobs 301-600 feet. In both instances, the charges will include the cost of the buried service wire as well as the trenching. In addition to trenching USOCs four additional USOCs will be added for the cost of the buried service wire in those situations where the customer has provided their own trench.

3. CenturyTel N2009.9.120 (Scott)

On September 4, 2009, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 09-04. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Outbound Call Block as a new feature. The company requests an effective date of October 5, 2009.

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.

1. Qwest Corporation Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review this agreement at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mt. 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in this agreement, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest

Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1.) Qwest Corporation/Bank of America

Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Bank of America have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Bank of America.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2009.9.117 – Landmark Water Co., LLC – Application for Interim Rate Increase
N2009.9.118 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 09-06, Network Premises Work Charges – Trenching Charges
N2009.9.119 – Qwest Corporation – Request for Protective Order for Wire Center Area Size Data
N2009.9.120 – CenturyTel of Montana d/b/a CenturyTel – Advice No. 09-04 – Outbound Call Block as a new Feature