

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 4, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
 Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
 Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
 Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
 Utility Division

(96) In the matter of TODD VS. GTE - Docket No. 94.1.9; On January 31, 1994, the Commission received a Petition from Robert E. Todd. Mr. Todd was a GTE-NW customer living in Troy. The Petition signed by 58 people requested that their multi-line service be upgraded to a single-party service at a reasonable cost. On December 18, 1995, the Commission approved Tariff Transmittal 95-02 which eliminated multi-party services and mileage charges in Citizens Tel's Troy exchange. Based on this information, the Commission believes that the Todd complaint has now been resolved. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Final Order No. 5899. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
 Transportation Division

(97) In the matter of Docket T-96.8.PCN; Ronald C. Harrell, 606 Varney Rd. #10, Ennis, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the following:

Class D - Garbage between all points and places within Ennis, Montana and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.

Applicant now requests the application be withdrawn.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the withdrawal request. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(98) In the matter of Docket T96.6.PCN; David and Paula Creech dba Quarter Circle PK Taxi Service, Cut Bank, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following:

Class B - Passengers 1) between all points and places within Glacier County; and 2) from points in Glacier County to the Great Falls International Airport. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. Utilization of vehicles with a rated seating capacity of more than six passengers is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the stipulated grant of authority. Commissioner Fisher seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously.

(99) In the matter of Docket T96.1.OTSC; Boka Freight, Inc., Dillon, Montana has failed to file a 1994 annual report and filing fee. An Order to Show Cause has been issued and received with no response. Staff recommends cancellation of PSC No. 2753.

Class A - Property over U.S. Highway No. 91, between Butte, Montana, and Monida, Montana.  
Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Fisher moved to cancel PSC #2753. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(100) In the matter of Docket TN1777; James H. And Joan P. Michael dba Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana request permission to suspend PSC No. 3664 for the final six month period, February 28, 1996 to August 28, 1996.

Class B - Persons and baggage from Kalispell, Montana, and a two mile radius thereof to Glacier International Airport via U.S. Highway No. 2, and State Highway No. 206, serving all intermediate points and return. Limitations: The transportation of persons and baggage between points and places within the City Kalispell and a two mile radius thereof is prohibited.

Class B - Persons and baggage deplaning from Frontier Airlines and Hughes Airwest flights at Glacier Park International Airport to West Glacier, Montana, and return over Montana Highway No. 206 and 40 and U.S. Highway No. 2, subject to the condition that carrier advise Glacier Park, Inc., of its proposed service schedule and take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to coordinate service with the furnished by Glacier Park, Inc.

Class B - Persons and personal baggage between all points and places within Kalispell and a three (3) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited. 2) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 3) Transportation of express is prohibited. 4) Utilization of vans is restricted to the transportation of fifteen (15) people, or less, per vehicle.

Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend PSC No. 3664 for the final six month period. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(101) In the matter of the approval of the February 5 and February 12, 1996 minutes; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, March 6, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard, Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a Centrex withdrawal tariff filing by US West Communications - N95.2.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend the filing and direct staff to establish a procedural schedule. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe, Oberg and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a motion for intervention by a third party into the PSC vs US West Communication Quality of Service Lawsuit; Commissioner Fisher moved to direct PSC Legal Staff to oppose intervention of a Missoula firm that had service problems with USWC into the lawsuit. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Anderson abstained. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(104) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Affiliate Interest rulemaking - N93-67; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare a revised set of affiliate interest rules for further

consideration by the Commission. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ross Creek LLP v MPC for Commission direction - Docket No. 96.2.26; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Complaint from Ross Creek LLP vs. MPC. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(106) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a draft order on MPC line extension policy - Docket No. D95.10.150; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft of an order approving a stipulation between Montana Consumer Counsel and MPC on revised MPC line extension policies. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(107) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area of Service (EAS) procedural matters - Docket Nos. 96.1.1 and D96.2.27; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the draft notice on Billings Regional EAS. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve a notice on the Great Falls EAS. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe, Anderson and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

## APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(108) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's objections to data requests - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant MPC's objections to MPC 90, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 105, 113, 115 responses from Montana Consumer Counsel and deny 99 and 100. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin

(109) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of amendments to the Commission Operational Manual (a.k.a. the "Blue Book"). Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the amendments to the manual as draft and approve the revised manual. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(110) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of travel expenses and its budget; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve out-of-state travel to attend US West Communication Audit in Omaha, Nebraska for Jeanee Campbell. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(111) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of travel expenses and its budget; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve out-of-state travel for Martin Jacobson to attend the DOE-Natural Gas Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Fisher and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
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Mike Sheard, Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a Centrex withdrawal tariff filing by US West Communications - N95.2.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend the filing and direct staff to establish a procedural schedule. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe, Oberg and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

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APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary  
(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 11, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Oberg were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(121) In the matter of PACIFICORP - DOCKET NO. D96.2.25; On February 22, 1996, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to (1) issue and sell not more than \$750,000,000 of debt, (2) enter into credit support arrangements and (3) enter into currency exchanges. Currently, the

Company has remaining authority under Docket No. D95.12.178 to sell \$450,000,000 of debt, \$200,000,000 of which is reserved for the Company's Series G medium-term note program. The Company is requesting that the authority requested in this application replace \$250,000,000 of the remaining authority in Docket No. D95.12.178. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Default Order No. 5900. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg voted aye.

(122) In the matter of USWC COMMUNICATIONS - DOCKET NO. N96.2.24; On February 22, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-09 for authority to offer "start-up" packages of services to new small business customers. The company proposes to offer these packages on a promotional basis from March 11, 1996, through March 7, 1997. The packages include a primary line, one or two additional lines, and various custom calling and other premium services. Customers will pay the installation charges for the primary line, but not for the other features included in the package. In addition, the first month's recurring charges will be waived on most package features. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff with the condition that facilities are available. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion (via proxy to Commissioner Rowe), motion passed. Commissioners Anderson, Rowe and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(123) In the matter of TN1778 - Waste Management Partners of Bozeman Ltd., Lakewood, Colorado request permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 3835 to Three Rivers Disposal, Inc., a Montana Corporation, Bozeman, Montana for a three (3) month period, March 11, 1996 to June 11, 1996, pending completion of a sale and transfer procedure.

Class D - Garbage and refuse between all points and places in Park County, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Garbage and refuse between all points and places in Sweet Grass County, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage between all points and places in Gallatin County, Montana.

Class D - Solid waste between all points and places within Madison County, Montana.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste between points in Broadwater County situated within an eight (8) mile radius of Three Forks, Montana.

Class C - Recycled material between all points and places in the State of Montana. Limitations: 1) Transportation of recyclable material must be in vehicles which utilize roll-

off and roll-on containers up to a maximum of 50 cubic yards in capacity and curb side collection vehicles up to 1 ton in size. 2) Carrier is not authorized to transport commodities in bulk.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the continuation of the lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(124) In the matter of the approval of the April 1996 Calendar; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the calendar as submitted. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Receipt/Log content proposed rule (bill of

lading); Commissioner Rowe moved to notice a new rule to require certain information to be included in receipts, bill of lading and like documents. Commissioner Fisher, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of objections of Department of Administration objections - Docket No. 96.2.22; Commissioner Fisher moved to deny DOA objections to reconsider its decision consolidating certain gas issues into comprehensive Montana Power Company's gas case. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel, Dave Burchett

(127) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a stipulation entered into by Montana Consumer Counsel and Pacific Telecommunication's Inc. approving a rate change - Docket No. 95.9.143; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the draft order approving the stipulation. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary  
(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott, Wayne Budt

(128) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget and certain travel expenses;

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve out-of-state travel for the following:

Karen Hammel to the ROC Meeting in Denver, Colorado, April 14-16, 1996;

Will Rosquist to the Electric Restructuring Conference on Amelia Island in Florida, May 9-10, 1996;

Dallas Adkins and Bob Charles to the FRA/Equipment Inspector Orientation in Washington, D.C., April 15-19, 1996;

1 Staff person to the PETA Meeting in Portland, Oregon, May 23-24, 1996;

2 Staff persons to the NARUC Attorney's Conference in Clearwater, Florida, June 2-5;

2 Staff persons to the Rutgers Advanced Regulatory Conference in San Diego, California, July 10-12, 1996;

2 Staff persons to the NARUC Summer Committee Meetings in Los Angeles, California, July 21-24, 1996.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 18, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was attending the Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting, but left votes with the

Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator

(129) In the matter of GREAT FALLS GAS - DOCKET NO. 95.6.29; On June 26, 1995, GFG filed a gas tracker which would reduce rates by \$1,545,654. On July 5, 1995, the Commission issued Interim Order No. 5854 which granted GFG a decrease of \$1,545,654 in this Docket as well as a decrease in base rates of \$250,000 from Docket No. 94.11.52. MPC and MCC intervened in this Docket. On February 20, 1996, MPC filed a Notice of Withdrawal from the docket. MCC has indicated that a hearing on this matter is not required. Commission Anderson moved to approve Final Order No. 5854b. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(130) In the matter of USWC COMMUNICATIONS - DOCKET NO. N96.2.30; On February 29, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-10 for authority to withdraw its 976 information delivery service. The service was grand fathered in 1994 with two customers. The service currently has no subscribers. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(131) In the matter of PTI - DOCKET NO. D95.9.143; On September 29, 1995, Northwest Telephone Systems, Inc., d/b/a PTI Communications (PTI) requested an increase in rates of \$1,667,931 to recover increased intrastate revenue requirements associated with shifts in embedded cost allocations from the interstate jurisdiction. PTI and MCC stipulated to a \$1,225,240 annual increase to be generated by increasing the charge for all residence and business lines by approximately 12 percent. A final order adopting the stipulation has been drafted. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Final Order No. 5904 (subject to editing). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang

Transportation Division

(132) In the matter of Docket T-96.7.RRT; Montana Rail Link, Inc., Missoula, Montana has filed notice with the Montana Public Service Commission, pursuant to 69-14-813(2), MCA of the following proposed trackage removal:

4327 feet of spur trackage, including the connecting lead, serving an area bounded by Lyndale Avenue, Getchell Street, Neill Avenue, and Front Street at Helena, Montana.

MRL states that the trackage served the former Great Northern passenger and freight depots along with various warehouses which surrounded the rail yard. The last customer served by the trackage was Sandy Mac's Distributing Company in July of 1993. No other shippers have requested or received rail shipments

on this trackage since 1987.

No protests have been received.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the trackage removal. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(133) In the matter of TN1779; Walter E. Spencer d.b.a. Spencer's Vintage Car Service, Missoula, Montana has requested cancellation of his Montana operating authority, PSC No. 9245:

Class B - Passengers in vintage car service for social gatherings such as weddings, receptions, parties, etc. within the City of Missoula, Montana and a 70 mile radius thereof. Limitation: 1) Service to be provided in vintage cars only of model and make in the years 1959 and preceding, and 2) not to include "stretch" limousines, and 3) limited to five passengers or less.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 9245. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(134) In the matter of TN1780; Mike Maloney and Monica M. Maloney dba M & M Trucking, Sheridan, Montana have requested cancellation of their Montana operating authority, PSC No. 1437.

Class C - Property within the town of Alder, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town.

Commissioner Fisher moved to cancel PSC No. 1437. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
 Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
 Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
 Will Rosquist

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L Lease Cost Plan - N95.11.177;  
 Commissioner Anderson moved to hire Cynthia Mitchell for an amount of not more than \$5,000 to review PP&L Integrated Resource Plan and make recommendations. No vote on motion.

Commissioner Anderson to issue a notice and develop a procedural schedule for receipt of IRP for PP&L.  
 Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
 Denise Peterson, Dan Elliott

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending motions and objections in the Montana Power Rate Case - Docket D95.9.128; Commissioner Oberg moved to adopt staff recommendations as follows: 1) Westcoast's testimony on interstate/intrastate gas rates will be handled in D96.2.22; 2) Ferdig's cross rebuttal would moved to D96.2.22; 3) Westcoast's testimony on Shoshone Pipeline Acquisition, CNG and Moulton will be considered in D95.9.128 and grant MPC an accounting order in D95.9.128; 5) Establishing an abbreviated discovery schedule on Blackfeet Loop. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
 Will Rosquist, Mike Sheard, Karen Hammel

(137) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Valley Telephone - custom calling and rate revision tariffs - N95.11.173 and N95.12.184; Commissioner Oberg moved to draft an order with \$5.00 PIC Charge. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order that approves a \$2.00 charge for non-published numbers. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented. Commissioner Anderson abstained. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order approving N95.11.173 and N95.12.184 consistent with previous votes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Robin McHugh, Ron Woods

(138) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities General Natural Gas Rate post hearing work session - D95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order using 12% as ROE. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Oberg and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 21, 1996, the following members were present:

- Nancy McCaffree, Chair
- Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Danny Oberg, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Ron Woods, Robin McHugh

(139) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities Natural Rate Gas Case - Docket No. D95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order which grants MDU's post test year plan additions for a 12 month period ending December 31, 1995. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 25, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(140) In the matter of USWC- DOCKET NO. N96.3.32; On March 1,1996, USWC filed tariff Transmittal 96-13 to introduce a promotional offering for its business customers. The promotion would allow business customers that subscribe to certain custom calling and CLASS services to receive two free months of service. The promotion would apply to recurring charges only and the customer would be required to pay in advance for 10 months of service for each product ordered. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(141) In the matter of SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE - DOCKET NO. N96.3.39; On March 11,1996, Southern Montana Telephone Company filed tariff revisions that reduce its Internet access rates. The proposed tariff revisions equalize the rates for business and residential

Internet access; both customer classes would be offered unlimited Internet access for \$24.95 per month. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(142) In the matter of USWC - DOCKET NO. N96.2.28; On February 29, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-07 for authority to revise its 911 tariff pages. The revisions: 1) add an option to allow PBX switches to send Automatic Number Identification information to an E911 office; 2) introduce rate stabilized service agreements; 3) change various rate elements; and 4) introduce standard prices for Selective Routing. A memo will be distributed describing this filing in more detail. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff 911 revisions, but added that they should not extend to the cost methodology or the result. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(143) In the matter of USWC - Docket No. N96.3.31; On March 1, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-12 for authority to introduce a Single Number Service a new service for business customers with multiple locations. Using Advanced Intelligent Network service, USWC is able to provide multiple location business customers with a single telephone number. Calls to that number can automatically be routed to the business location that is closest to the calling party. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(144) In the matter of USWC - Docket No. N96.3.42; On March 11, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-11 for authority to offer a new custom calling package called the Real Deal to residential customers. This package includes eleven custom calling and CLASS features and is priced at \$14.95/month. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(145) In the matter of LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket No. N95.12.195; On December 20, 1995, Lincoln Telephone filed for authority to increase its local service rates. The filing was submitted pursuant to Section 69-3-901, MCA, titled Rate Regulations of Small Telecommunications Providers. No petitions for review of the proposed increases were received. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the draft order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(146) In the matter of Docket T-96.10.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 2103,

William P. Emge, Helena, Montana for failure to reactivate following 12 months of consecutive suspension. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received with no response from the motor carrier.

Class B - Persons and personal baggage within the City of Helena and to or from points within a radius of 25 miles thereof.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 2103. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(147) In the matter of Docket T-96.13.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 300, William P. Emge, Helena, Montana for failure to file liability insurance. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received with no response from the motor carrier.

Class C - Property in the City of Helena, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property (except household goods) between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 300. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(148) In the matter of Docket T-96.15.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 497, Advantage Moving & Storage, Inc., Santa Rosa, California for failure to file liability and cargo insurance. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received with no response from the motor carrier.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Missoula and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Missoula and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

Commissioner Fisher moved to cancel PSC No. 497. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(149) In the matter of TN1781; Clark=s Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 3901 to Cody Bus Lines, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana for a one year period March 25, 1996 to March 25, 1997.

Class B - Persons and baggage, in charter service, between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana, on the one hand, and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana, subject to the following: Limitations: (a) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited; (b)

the charter trip must originate or terminate in Carbon County, Montana; 8 Charter service except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana.

Class B - Passengers and baggage in charter service, (1) between all points and places in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties, and (2) from any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties to all points and places within the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Charter transportation originating or terminating in Billings, Montana, Laurel, Montana, and points and places in Yellowstone County within a fifteen (15) mile radius of Billings, Montana, and Laurel, Montana, is prohibited. (2) The following counties are excluded for origination (including pickup) of service: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Glacier, Cascade, Toole, Sanders, Teton, Pondera, Missoula, Lewis & Clark, Silver Bow, Gallatin, and Ravalli.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant permission to lease PSC No. 3901 for a period of 1 years.  
Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(150) In the matter of TN1782; Robert B. & Emma C. Chada dba Port Polson Taxi Service, Polson, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 9218 to Glenda A. Resch dba South Lake Taxi, Polson, Montana for a three month period March 25, 1996 to June 25, 1996.

Class B - Persons within the City of Polson, Montana and between points and places within a seventy (70) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Lake County. 3) Carrier is prohibited from picking up passengers in Flathead County. 4) Transportation is limited to ten (10) passengers or less.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant permissioner to lease PSC No. 9218 for a period of 3 months.  
Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(151) In the matter of TN1783; Joan A. Lee dba Deep Creek Freight, Libby, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 8801.

Class B - General commodities between all points and places within Flathead and Lincoln Counties.  
Limitations: Transportation of the following is prohibited: petroleum products, dairy products, frozen products, heavy machinery requiring a low-boy or flatbed trailer, water, and drilling mud.

Class B - General Commodities (1) between Missoula, Montana and points

immediately tributary thereto, on the one hand, and all points and places within Lincoln County, on the other hand; (2) between Frenchtown, Huson and Alberton, Montana, on the one hand, and all points and places within Lincoln County, on the other hand; and (3) between points and places in Mineral and Sanders Counties, on the one hand, and all points and places within Lincoln County, on the other hand.

Limitations:

Transportation must originate or terminate in Lincoln County. Transportation of the following is prohibited: (a) audit and accounting media, data processing media and business records, processed and unprocessed film and microfilm and incidental supplies relating to snapshots and microfilms, non-negotiable securities, non-negotiable bank checks and valuable papers; (b) commodities in bulk; (c) materials and equipment which, because of its size or weight, requires the use of special equipment or flatbed trailers; (d) blood and medical specimens.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 8801. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 26, 1996, the following members were present:

- Nancy McCaffree, Chair
- Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
- Danny Oberg, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending motions in the Montana Power Company's rate case - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the MPC motion and begin the hearing date on April 16, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Internet connect Services vs. USWC - D96.3.37; Commissioner Rowe moved to notice the complaint under the Commission's formal complaint process and issue the notice of complaint dealing with construction charges and the delay in providing requested service. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Minutes.....March 18, 1996 10:00 a.m.  
Minutes.....March 20, 1996 1:30 p.m.  
Minutes.....March 21, 1996 10:00a.m.  
Minutes.....March 25, 1996 10:00 a.m.  
Minutes.....March 26, 1996 9:30 a.m.