

Minutes.....January 3, 2000 10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 3, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(1) In the matter of CITIZENS COMMUN. CO. OF MONTANA - Docket N99.12.274; On December 15, 1999, Citizens Communications Company of Montana filed for approval for a new service, National Directory Assistance. The new service makes a distinction between Local and National Directory Assistance. The new service is requested to become effective February 1, 2000. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(2) MDU Resources Group Inc. DOCKET NO. D99.12.285 - On December 23, 1999, MDU filed an application seeking authorization to issue up to 3,839,920 shares of MDU Resources Common Stock in connection with various stock incentive plans. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the price list changes. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(3) In the matter of the T-99.41.ST ; On November 12, 1999 Clinton Erickson and Greg Eppe, a Partnership dba P.A.C. Services, Conrad, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9411 to Underdahl Farms, Inc. dba U.F.I. Sanitation Service, Conrad, Montana.

Class D – Solid waste and garbage between all points and places in Glacier and Pondera Counties, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to licensed landfills from territory authorized.

No protests have been received. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9411. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(4) In the matter of TN2007; James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Co, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to renew the lease of PSC No. 9297 to Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana for one year December 28, 1999 to December 28, 2000.

Class D - Garbage, solid waste, and debris between all points and places in Fallon, Carter and Wibaux County.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to continue the lease for a period of one year. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(5) In the matter of TN2008; Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage, Inc., Billings, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9332 to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a one year period December 23, 1999 to December 23, 2000.

Class B - Passengers and their personal belongings between all points and places in the State of Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with a rated seating capacity of eight or less. (2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Yellowstone County. (3) No passenger transportation services shall originate or terminate within Fergus, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Toole, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties, with the exception of Fort Smith, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (4) Transportation utilizing luxury limousines or motor coach (bus) is prohibited. (5) Transportation of railroad personnel is prohibited. (6) Transportation movements which both originate and terminate within Billings, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof are prohibited. (7) Transportation may not originate within Flathead County.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to continue the lease for a period of one year. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 4, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 4, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(6) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Gas Case – Docket No. D99.8.176; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the draft letter. Chairman Fisher will send the letter to the Montana Consumer Counsel. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Kate Whitney, Will Rosquist

(7) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC-EWR billing dispute; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to respond to point with a letter suggesting negotiations to meet customers requests. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(8) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N99.12.260 – MPC's request for PSC ruling regarding providing service to delinquent customer when he/she moves; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to accomplish the staff recommendation. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Janet Ellis, Kate Whitney

(9) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D99.10.241 – Montana Communications (MC) Complaint; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant a one-week extension to MC for briefing jurisdictional issue and directed parties to meet with staff. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(10) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D99.8.200 - USW/Qwest; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reinstate the procedural schedule. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(11) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Motions for Reconsideration of the Hot Springs and Ronan 1+ intraLATA dialing parity orders – Docket Nos. D98.10.224 and D98.10.232; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny Motions for Reconsideration and directed staff to prepare draft rule revisions reflecting USWC settlement. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(12) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/Montana Wireless Interconnection Agreement – Docket No. D99.12.284; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant interim approval of the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(13) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Pro-Bono policy for Commission Attorneys; Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt an interim policy as final and place it into the PSC’s Blue Book as part of the Blue Book. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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, January 10, 2000, the following members were present:

- Dave Fisher, Chairman
- Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Gary Feland, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(14) In the matter of MDU Resources Group Inc. DOCKET NO. D99.12.285; On December 23, 1999, MDU filed an application seeking authorization to issue up to 3,839,920 shares of MDU Resources Common Stock in connection with various stock incentive plans. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Default Order No. 6222. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(15) In the matter of CITIZENS COMMUN. CO. OF MONTANA Docket N99.12.274; On December 15, 1999, Citizens Communications Company of Montana filed for approval for a new service, National Directory Assistance. The new service makes a distinction between Local and National Directory Assistance. The new service is requested to become effective February 1, 2000. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the new service as requested. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(16) In the matter of T-99.40.PCN; On November 1, 1999 The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. All protests have been withdrawn.

Class D - Solid Waste between all points and places within a twenty (20) mile radius of Butte, Montana, including the City of Butte, Montana. LIMITATION: Transportation is limited to service within Silver Bow, County.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the application. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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10:00 a.m.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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, January 11, 2000 the following members were present:

- Dave Fisher, Chairman
- Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Gary Feland, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(17) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.2.29 – MDU – USBC – MPC's Request for Intervention; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny MPC's request for intervention based on lack of standing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, David Burchett

(18) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.10.243 – Energy West – Tracker/Suspension of Procedural Schedule (30 day); Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request for a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(19) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.176 – MPC's Gas Case – Motions by Large Customers (Conoco); Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the motion to strike testimony of portion that amends the application and allow additional procedure to respond to MPC's rebuttal testimony. McCaffree further moved to move the hearing date (February 28 day to day until concluded). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(20) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.12.282 – Default Supplier Application Process / Rulemaking; Commissioner Anderson moved to Renotify the Roundtable for February 7, 2000 and establish a date for comments (1 week prior to) and suspend the balance of the Roundtable Procedural Schedule. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(21) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.8.195, D99.9.213, D99.10.240 – DSLNet, Multiband, NW Comm. - Interconnection– Extension for Reconsideration; Commissioner Rowe moved to waive the rules to allow until January 14, 2000 filing deadline of Motions for Reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Janet Ellis, Leroy Beeby

(22) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of N99.12.275 – Detariffed Services – Central Montana Communications; Commissioner Rowe moved to concur with staff recommendation of January 7, 2000 (memo);

- Non-recurring charge increase, revision of service moves and extensions, the increase of numbers allowed for speed dialing, removal of custom number charges and Internet billing changes be approved as filed
- The request for the waiver of the detailed cost study be granted for 1 year and at the end of that year, CMC provide the Commission the incremental costs based on historical data from that one-year grace period for providing to its customers the custom calling features,
- The request for offering the new services be granted,
- The request for offering the services as detariffed be granted,
- Central Montana Communications be granted relief from notice as specified in 69-9-910, MCA, upon the Commission’s decision without petition.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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3:30 p.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 11, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(23) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan/Blackfoot/Montana Wireless – Arbitration's – Motion to Dismiss by Ronan – Docket No. D99.4.112 and D99.4.113; Commissioner Feland moved to deny the Motion to Dismiss the Arbitration Proceedings. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to table the Motion to Deny. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(24) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of travel; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve out-of-state travel for Dennis Crawford and Joel Tierney to attend the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) 2000 meeting, April 24 through April 28, 2000. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(25) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. T-99.32.PCN – Victor I. Pizzola dba Valley Taxi, Hamilton, Montana; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Order on Reconsideration (Order No. 6469a). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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3:30 p.m.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 13, 2000

3:00 p.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 13, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman (via telephone)
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(26) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.4.112 and D99.4.113 – Ronan, Blackfoot, Montana Wireless - Arbitrations; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to prepare an order: granting Ronan's Motion to Dismiss, directing Ronan to file a reciprocal compensation tariff within 10 days of the date of the order, supported by a cost study which conforms to federal law (FCC). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(27) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.4.112 and D99.4.113 – Ronan, Blackfoot, Montana Wireless – Arbitrations (Blackfoot Arbitration – Motion to require Blackfoot to file cost study), (Joint Motion of Blackfoot) and (Montana Wireless for establishment of "Bill and Keep" Reciprocal Compensation); Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Motion Requiring Blackfoot to file a cost study. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Joint Motion for Bill and Keep. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 18, 2000 10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 18, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(28) In the matter of CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES, INC. Docket N99.12.283; On December 23, 1999, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 99-8 to introduce promotional offerings in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise and/or the first month's charge will be waived for customers who subscribe to Caller ID. The promotion will run from February 1, 2000 through March 31, 2000. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the promotional offering. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(29) In the matter of Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9412 to City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana for one year, January 18, 2000 to January 18, 2001.

Class D – Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places within the city of Cut Bank, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Carrier is authorized to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the lease for a one year period. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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10:00 a.m.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 19, 2000

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 19, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Washington, D.C. but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(30) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC's Tier 2 Transition Plan; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, David Burchett

(31) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.10.243 – Energy West Montana – Improper Billing by EWM; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to issue an Order to Show Cause. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(32) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L-99.6.7-RUL - PSC Fee Rules; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the rules for noticing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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10:00 a.m.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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, January 24, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was travelling to the Telecommunications meetings, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(33) In the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D99.12.288; On December 27, 1999, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on January 4, 2000. Requests for hearing were due by January 24, 2000. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$8,705 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve and issue the default order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(34) In the matter of T-99.14.PCN – City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana, requests that their application for solid waste authority in this docket be withdrawn and the docket closed. The City has entered into a lease with an existing carrier and that lease has received Commission approval. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request for withdrawal and closure of the docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 25, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was travelling to the Telecommunications meetings, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(35) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 - MPC's Tier 2 Transition Plan – Reconsideration of Order No. 5986m; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft order on reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(36) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket 99.8.200 – USW/Qwest Merger; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reschedule the hearing to March 21 and 22 and adopt the modified procedural schedule. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Janet Ellis, Jay Driscoll

(37) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N99.10.226 – Tariff Transmittal 99-55 – Tenant Solutions; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing, with the requirement that USWC submit data, on a yearly basis, for each agreement;

- Total # of lines dedicated under each agreement;
- File the # of access lines that USWC customers are subscribed to;
- Identify where each agreement is held;
- File proof that USWC customers are made aware that they can choose another carrier;
- Require USWC to submit pamphlets, brochures, etc. to the PSC for one year.

Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(38) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.6.146, D99.6.152, D99.9.213, D99.10.240, D99.8.195 – USWC's Motions for Reconsideration regarding BridgeBand; Computer Business Sciences; Northwest Communications Networks; MultiBand Communications and DSLNet Communications Interconnection Agreements; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the Motion for

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Reconsideration filed on October 8, 1999 and January 18, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(39) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.10.245 – Interconnection Agreement, JATO Communications/USWC; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement with Staff Recommendations:

- 7-3.4 – Warehousing Issue = incorporate language that state USW intention to lease collocation space at the same price as they lease it for;
- Disconnection Language = ask USWC to amend their language, or make clear their intention;
- Transfer End User Language = make same as COVAD order;
- 11.3.1 = Ordering/Maintenance = may conflict with 1 of PSC rules = if it does make it invalid;
- 26.30 = FCC/PSC Jurisdiction = make clear again PSC does not agree with that.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

(40) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.4.112 and D99.4.113 – Ronan/Blackfoot/Montana Wireless - Arbitration's; Commissioner Feland moved to issue order dismissing and addressing motions, closing these dockets and issue order directing the filing of a tariff. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(41) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Bonnie Lorang to attend the OSS meeting in Denver, Colorado and Scott Fabel to attend the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 26, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not vote on these items.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(42) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.12.277 – Deaveraging Net Element Rates; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a clarified notice regarding the second notice (the narrowing of participation), reject suggestion that other LEC's, other than USWC's, are subject to deaveraging, and leave the schedule as set in previous procedural schedule. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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, January 27, 2000, the following members were present:

- Dave Fisher, Chairman
- Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe excused himself from this Item #42.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel

(43) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC-9th Order – High Cost Fund – Discussion of Appeal; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve joining Vermont in the appeal if the Montana Consumer Counsel agrees to join equally and that our costs are capped at \$12,500. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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, January 31, 2000, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chairman Fisher was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(44) In the matter of US West Communication Inc. N2000.1.5; On January 12, 2000, US West Communication filed tariff transmittal 00-003, which is a promotional addendum for nonutility incentive, associated with access line. The promotion is to target small business customers in Montana. They will receive a direct mail opportunity - if they respond to the direct mail and purchase one of the qualifying products (an additional line, ISDN), they will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to redeem at an Online retail site. The promotion will be marketed as "Isn't It Time You Got On The Internet?" and is scheduled to run from February 2, 2000 through April 20, 2000. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(45) In the matter of Project Telephone Company, N2000.1.8; On January 17, 2000, Project Telephone Company filed a revised tariff sheet for Exchange and Network Service Tariff. The filing reduces the recurring monthly rate for Non-Published and Non-Listed services for both Business and Residence customers. The rate for each service is being reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.75. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the revised tariff sheet. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(46) In the matter of Valley Telecommunications, Inc., N2000.1.9; On January 17, 2000, Valley Telecommunications, Inc. filed a revised tariff sheet for Exchange and Network Service Tariff. The filing reduces the recurring monthly rate for Non-Published and Non-Listed services for both Business and Residence customers. The rate for each service is being reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.75. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the revised tariff sheet. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(47) In the matter of USWEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N2000.1.7; On January 12, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-02 "ISDN PRS Promotion". During the promotional period from February 8, 2000 through April 28, 2000, business customers who subscribe to a 3-Year Rate Stabilized Agreement for ISDN Primary Rate Service will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charges associated with T-1 facilities, Service Configuration and ISDN trunk connections. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to August 1, 2000 where service is technically feasible and facilities are available. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff transmittal. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(48) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2000.1.6; On January 12, 2000, US West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00.01, "Integrated T-1 Promotion". This promotion is offered to business customers who subscribe to a Rate Stabilized Agreement for IT-1 service, they will receive a waiver of the non-recurring charges associated with IT-1 facilities and any DID

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terminations associated with the order. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to August 1, 2000. The promotional period is scheduled from February 8, 2000 through April 28, 2000. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff transmittal. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

No Transportation & Centralized Services Division Agenda Items

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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