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PSC POSTPONES HEARING ON US WEST'S REQUEST

TO ENTER EXPANDED LONG-DISTANCE MARKET

The Montana Public Service Commission has postponed the hearing scheduled to begin next week in Helena on US West Communication's request for a favorable recommendation from the PSC to the Federal Communications Commission when the company applies for permission to provide additional long-distance service in Montana.

Contested case proceedings in this matter were suspended by the PSC pending the outcome of US West's appeal of PSC discovery decisions that was filed last week in state district court. Both US West and AT&T had requested a halt to proceedings.

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