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August 18, 2015

TO: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

FR: Todd Everts

RE: Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report

Pursuant to 5-5-230, MCA, the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee is responsible for reviewing administrative rules for the Department of Public Service Regulation and the Public Service Commission. Staff for the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

MAR NOTICE NUMBER: 38-5-231

AGENCY: Department of Public Service Regulation

RULE CLASSIFICATION: (i.e., substantive/interpretative/emergency/temporary): Substantive

SUBJECT: Updating the operator service provider rate calculation formula to reflect the three current major carriers that provide services.

NOTICE DESCRIPTION: Notice of proposed amendment.

SUMMARY OF RULES(S): The proposed amendments update the operator service provider rate calculation formula to reflect the three current major carriers that provide these services. Sprint no longer provides services and U.S. West no longer exists. CenturyLink, the sucessor, will replace these entities in the allowable rate calculation.

STAFF NOTES: None.

HEARING DATE(S): A public hearing is scheduled on the above-referenced rules for September 8, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in the Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana. The public comment period ends on September 11, 2015.

FULL TEXT OF NOTICE: The full text of the notice proposal may be found online at:

http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ShowNoticeFile.asp?TID=6553