

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 1, 1996, the following members were present:

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

Commissioners Bob Anderson and Danny Oberg were absent, but left their votes on the following matters.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott  
Utility Division

(154) In the matter of Pacific Power and Light - Docket No. N96.3.36, On March 8, 1996, PP&L filed Advice No. 96-110 to revise its Residential Energy Efficiency Rider. The Company is proposing changes to its Super Good Cents new construction program to improve its cost effectiveness. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the changes filed by PP&L. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt  
Transportation Division

(155) In the matter of TN1784 - Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana requests additional suspension of PSC No. 9270; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the suspension from April 20, 1996 to May 23, 1996.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Virginia City and a two mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(156) In the matter of approval of May 1996 Calendar. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve to May calendar. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Anderson did not vote on this matter.

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:

Ann Purcell  
Acting 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, April 2, 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 his votes as indicated on each of the following items.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(157) In the matter o EAS proceedings - Docket No. D96.1.1 Commissioner Rowe moved to notify USWC that they have 90 days to submit cost of service/rate design proposals for Great Falls EAS. Commissioner Fisher seconded, the motion, which passed with Commissioners Fisher, Rowe and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented. Commissioner Anderson voted aye during a telephone call with Martin Jacobson.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel

(158) In the matter of the commission=s discussion of several requests for designation of eligible telecommunication carriers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - Docket No. N96.2.18, N96.2.23, N96.3.44. Commissioner Oberg moved to initiate a docket to determine eligible telecommunication carriers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and notice the docket with an opportunity for intervention. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left his proxy to Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(159) In the matter to the Commission=s discussion of its budget and certain travel. Commissioner Rowe moved tp approve out of state travel for 3 staff to attend the FRA Conference. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left his proxy to

Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(160) In the matter of Ferdig Oil Complaint - Docket No. D95.11.72,  
Commissioner Rowe moved to  
stay the procedural schedule and vacate hearing pending a further request from  
either party or  
Commissioner to initiate the proceedings. Commissioner Fisher seconded the  
motion, which passed  
unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left his proxy to Commissioner Rowe.

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:

Ann Purcell  
Acting 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 April 8, the following members were  
present:

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

Commissioner Oberg was absent, but left his votes on the following matters:

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott  
Utility Division

(161) In the matter of PACIFICORP - DOCKET NO. D96.3.38, On March 11, 1996,  
PP&L filed an  
application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than  
\$250,000,000 of its No Par  
Serial Preferred Stock. The Company is requesting this authority for the  
purpose of retaining flexibility in  
the options available for the Company=s financing plans, including the  
possible refunding of some of its  
higher cost preferred stock. A default order has been drafted. Commissioner  
Rowe moved to adopt

default order No. 5908, approving the sell or exchange not more than \$250,000,000 of its No Par Serial Preferred Stock. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(162) In the matter of PP&L - DOCKET NO. N96.3.43, On March 13, 1996, PP&L filed Advice No. 96-111 to revise its tariffed avoided cost rates applicable to power purchases from Qualifying Facilities. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff, but not the cost support data (avoided cost). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(163) In the matter of USWC - DOCKET NO. N96.3.45, On March 15, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-14 to introduce a Residence Additional Line promotion. The promotion would offer a \$15.00 bill credit to Residential customers who subscribe to an additional line between April 15, and May 24, 1996. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the Tariff Transmittal 96-14. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(164) In the matter of Docket T-95.26.RR -Burlington Northern Railroad Company, filed notice with the Montana Public Service Commission, pursuant to 69-14-813(2), MCA of the removal of trackage located on the Montana Division Milk River Subdivision, mile post 316.2, line segment 35, comprising 2,726 track feet. The track is designated as a side track at Saco, Montana. All protests have now formally been withdrawn. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant applicant's request to withdraw application. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(165) In the matter of Docket T-95.46.ST - Marty L. Ambuehl and Neil Clark, a partnership dba AC Smooth Moves, Billings, Montana transferred PSC 8922 to Kent R. McCall dba AC Smooth Moves, Billings, Montana. Transferee has failed to complete compliance. An Order to Show Cause was issued, with no response. Staff recommends cancellation of PSC 8922.

Class B - Pianos and organs between all points and places within the City of Billings, Montana, and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 8922. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(166) In the matter of Docket T-95.40.PCN, of the cancellation of PSC No. 9375, Harry B. Peck dba The Stage Coach, Garneill, Montana for failure to file liability insurance. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received with no response from the motor carrier. Commissioner Anderson moved to cancel PSC No. 9375. 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:

Ann Purcell  
Acting 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, April 9, 1996, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(167) In the matter of Budget and Travel Expenses. Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize out of state travel for Karen Hammel to attend the NARUC Attorney Conference - June 2-5, 1996 in Clearwater Florida. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(168) In the matter of Montana Power Company Cost of Service and Rate Design Filing - Docket No. D96.3.33. Commissioner Rowe moved to require certain intervenors to respond why their interests in this docket would not be adequately represented with their participation through the interested party and amicus rights. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel

(169) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Company and its provision about

providing service for which no tariff is provided. Commissioner Rowe moved to allow Ronan Telephone Company to continue providing service to disputed customer provided they file tariffs and maps for both Hot Springs and Ronan Telephone Company. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(170) In the matter of Glacier County EAS - Docket No. 95.6.31. Commissioner Oberg moved to dismiss the docket account Northern Telephone lack of participation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(171) In the matter of Paladin's motion - Docket No. D95.9.128. Commissioner Rowe moved to deny Paladin's motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(172) In the matter of Docket No. D96.3.33 Montana Power Company's objections to MCC data requests. Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the objections of Montana Power Company to MCC depreciation witness data requests. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(173) In the matter of Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Fund rulemaking - Docket No. N95.10.149. Commissioner Rowe moved to support joining in with combined comments and also file additional Montana specific comments to the FCC in Docket No. 96-45. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Bonnie Lorang, Martin Jacobson

(174) In the matter of the filing by City of Helena in lieu of its annual report - Docket No. TN1785. Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the statement submitted by City of Helena as in compliance with Commission rules. 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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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Acting 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, April 11, 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

(175) In the matter of Montana Dakota Utilities Co. application for authority to increase rates for natural gas service in Montana - Docket No. D95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Order No. 5856b as the Commission's final order granting \$1,008,687.00 in increased revenues subject to editing corrections. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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 Thursday, April 11, 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

(176) In the matter of Montana Dakota Utilities Co. application for authority to implement the Gas Cost Tracking Procedure to establish decreased rates for gas service - Docket No. D96.4.52; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Interim Order in the semi-annual gas tracker. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg then moved to issue a protective order . 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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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 Monday, April 11, 1996 the following members

were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
 Transportation Division

(177) In the matter of Docket T-95.44.RRT; Montana Rail Link, Inc. (MRL), filed notice with the Montana Public Service Commission, pursuant to 69-14-813(2), MCA of the following proposed trackage removal:

Approximately 263 feet of track, including the switch, of a private industrial spur track formerly serving the former Montana Highway Commission located between Broadway and Pine Streets, Missoula, Montana. Applicant states that the property, now operated by the Missoula Street Department, no longer needs rail service. MRL further states that the trackage has not been used in over five (5) years.

A protest was filed. MRL has filed a letter withdrawing the application.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request to withdraw the application. Commissioner Oberg seconded the application, which unanimously.

(178) In the matter of Docket T-96.19.ST; Waste Management Partners of Bozeman, Ltd., 3900 South Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 800, Lakewood, Colorado, has filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 3835 to Three Rivers Disposal, Inc., P.O. Box 3588, Bozeman, Montana.

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 Anderson moved to approve the transfer of PSC 3835. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(179) In the matter of TN1786; Waste Management of Montana, Inc. dba Waste Management of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9369 to Sanitation, Inc., Lewistown, Montana for a one year period, April 3, 1996 to April 3, 1997.

Class D - Garbage and refuse within the town of Raynesford, Montana and a five mile radius thereof and within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation service provided by roll off containers is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 9369 for a period of one year. Commissioner Oberg 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, Acting Chair

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner

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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, April 16, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was campaigning in Billings and left her proxy to Commissioner Fisher on the

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

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(180) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area Service - Docket Nos. D95.10.146 and D95.10.147; Commissioner Anderson moved to consolidate D96.1.1 into D95.10.146 for future consideration. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner McCaffree's vote aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Bonnie Lorang, Martin Jacobson

(181) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Railroad Fencing; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct the Chair to write Burlington Northern asking that they respond to complaints about railroad fencing problems. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner McCaffree's vote aye.

(182) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket T-95.81.PCN/Steven Edwin Marcy, d.b.a. STAR M Shuttle Service/ Motion to Dismiss Application; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the motion to dismiss without prejudice. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner McCaffree's vote 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

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, April 17, 1996, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner McCaffree was absent but left her vote with Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(183) In the matter of Docket No. N96.3.48, a tariff filing by Citizens Telecommunications for a residential additional line promotion; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotional tariff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Fisher cast an aye vote for Chair McCaffree (per her direction). Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

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 Monday, April 22, 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

(174) In the matter of USWC - DOCKET NO. N96.3.51; On March 29, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-16 for authorization to offer a "Stand-By" line promotion to business customers. The promotion would run from April 29, 1996 through May 17, 1996. The non-recurring charge associated

with the service will be waived for new subscribers during the promotion. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(175) USWC - DOCKET NO. N96.3.50; On March 29, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-15.

With this filing USWC proposes to eliminate the non-recurring charge for subscribing to the following Calling Connection Plans:

!Business Daytime Calling Connection  
!Business Daytime Calling Connection Plus  
!Volume Calling Connection & Multiple Location Option  
!Montana Value Calling Plan  
!City Connection Plan

USWC provided proprietary cost information to show that the services will continue to cover costs after the non-recurring charges are eliminated. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(176) In the matter of Docket T-96.5.PCN; Stillwater County Solid Waste District, Columbus, Montana filed application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class D - Garbage within the City of Columbus, Montana.

Applicant requests the application be withdrawn. The hearing scheduled for May 8, 1996 may be vacated.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the withdrawal of the application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(177) In the matter of Docket T-96.9.PCN; John B. Toenyas dba Great Falls Historic Trolley, Great Falls, Montana filed application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers within the City of Great Falls, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof. Limitations: Transportation is restricted to that provided by replica motorized trolley. Carrier is restricted from additionally providing off-vehicle guided tours of historical and natural attractions in conjunction with the transportation fare.

Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(178) In the matter of Docket T-96.11.RRT; Montana Rail Link, Inc. (MRL), Missoula, Montana filed notice with the Montana Public Service Commission, pursuant to 69-14-813(2), MCA of the following proposed trackage removal:

478 feet of privately owned spur tracking, including the connecting switch,

serving Asphalt Supply &  
Service, Inc., at 5th Avenue and Railroad Street at Laurel, Montana.

No protests or requests for hearing have been received.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the trackage removal. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(179) In the matter of TN1787; Intermountain Transportation Co., Anaconda, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 31 to Rimrock Stages, Inc. dba Rimrock Trailways, Billings, Montana for a 6 month period, April 15, 1996 to October 15, 1996.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 31 for a period of 6 months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(180) In the matter of TN1788; Harry Ellis dba Customized Services, Bozeman, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9246 to Rozel Corp. dba Customized Services, Bozeman, Montana for a 12 month period April 22, 1996 to April 22, 1997.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matters and recyclables between all points and places within Madison and Gallatin Counties. Carrier may transport commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: (1) Service is prohibited to or from any points within an area in Madison County that lies within a radius of 50 miles of Dillon, Montana except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted. (2) Service is prohibited within the city of West Yellowstone, Montana, and to or from points within a radius of 25 miles thereof, except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted.

Commissioner Fisher moved to grant permission to lease PSC No. 9246 for a period of 1 year. 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 Thursday, April 25, 1996, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel

(181) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Digitrex II and Centrex Plus - Docket Nos. D96.2.15 (USWC) and D96.4.53 (PTI); Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend the PTI withdrawal of Digitrex II tariff filing and consolidate Centrex Plus and Digitrex II into one docket and direct staff to develop a procedural schedule. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Mike Lee, Mike Sheard, Karen Hammel

(182) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Local Exchange Service Competition - Docket No. D96.2.16; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Further Comments and reply comments by May 20, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson, Dan Elliott

(183) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a stipulation entered into by the Montana Consumer Counsel, the Large Customer Group and Montana Power Company of MPC's general electric and natural gas rate increase - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Fisher moved to close the record with the exception of public testimony at a satellite hearing and set for final consideration the stipulation and remaining contested issues the week of May 13, 1996. Commissioner Oberg 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  
ATTEST:

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
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, April 29, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson were attending the Gas Conference in St Louis, Missouri, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(184) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMM. - DOCKET NO. N96.4.56; On April 3, 1996, CMC filed to request authority to revise its local exchange tariff. The revisions clarify the company's procedures used to notify subscribers of impending disconnects. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revisions to the tariff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree and Anderson voted aye.

(185) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - DOCKET NO. N96.4.62; On April 16, 1996, Citizens Telecom filed Advice Letter No. 96-02 to propose a promotional offering from May 1 through August 1, 1996, during which time the nonrecurring charges associated with the installation of custom calling features would be waived. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree and Anderson voted aye.

(186) In the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT CO. - DOCKET NO. D96.3.49; On March 27, 1996, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 1, 1996. Requests for hearing were due by April 29, 1996. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$24,068 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Default Order No. 5911. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(187) In the matter of Docket T-95.73.PCN; William H. Hoyer, dba Blacktail Disposal, Lakeside, Montana filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for a Class D certificate of public convenience and necessity seeking authority to transport garbage, Class D, within the towns of Lakeside, Rollins, Somers and within a five (5) mile radius around each town. Protests were filed and a hearing was held. Commissioner Rowe issued Proposed Order No. 6397 on April 3, 1996, denying the application. No exceptions or requests for oral argument have been received.

Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the final order denying the application. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson voted aye.

(188) In the matter of TN1789; Robert Roberts dba PDQ Transfer, Billings, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9237 for a final six month period, March 10, 1996 to September 10, 1996.

Class C - Property, in the City of Billings, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not to exceed a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction thereof. Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend PSC No. 9237 for a final six month period. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson voted aye.

(189) In the matter of TN1790 - Travel Inc. of Choteau, Incorporated dba The Main Connection Travel Service, Choteau, Montana request permission to suspend PSC No. 9280 for a final six month period, April 10, 1996 to October 10, 1996.

Class B - Passengers and baggage within the following counties: Flathead, Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Pondera, Chouteau, Fergus, Teton, Lake, Missoula, Powell, Lewis & Clark, Cascade, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Meagher, Broadwater, Jefferson, Silver Bow, Madison & Gallatin. Limitations:  
1) Transportation must originate and terminate in Teton County; within a one (1) mile radius of the U.S. Post Office in Augusta, Montana (located in northern Lewis & Clark County), or the Great Falls International Airport (located in Cascade County, Montana). 2) Transportation is limited to fifteen (15) passengers or less. 3) Transportation of railroad crews is prohibited. 4) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited. 5) Transportation of passengers in taxi service is prohibited in Toole, Glacier, Liberty and Pondera Counties. 6) Passengers and baggage from Great Falls International Airport is limited to transportation to Main Connection Tours in Teton County and returning to the Great Falls International Airport.

Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend PSC 9280 for a final six month period. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and 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 Monday, April 29, 1996, the following members were present:

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

Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson were attending the Gas Conference in St Louis, Missouri and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh

(190) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a request for intervention of West Coast Gas in Montana Power Company's Cost of Service/Rate Design Filing - Docket No. D96.3.33; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny intervention to West Coast Gas, but grant them interested party status. 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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ATTEST:

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