

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 1, 2000 the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(88) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.4 – Ronan Reciprocal Compensation Tariff Filing; Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend the implementation of the tariff filing and issue a Procedural Schedule and set matter for hearing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(89) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.2.27 – Ronan Complaint v. Clark Fork; Commissioner Rowe moved to establish a March 15 Answer Deadline, directed staff to issue a Procedural Schedule and direct staff to convene an informal dispute resolution conference with the parties. 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

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....March 2, 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 Thursday, March 2, 2000 the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(90) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.3.28 – Petition of Montana Wireless, Inc., dba Blackfoot Communications, for a temporary waiver of permanent number portability requirements – Petition and request for interim relief; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the Petition and Request for Interim Relief. 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

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....March 13, 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, March 13, 2000, the following members were present:

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

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

No Utility Division Agenda Items

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(91) In the matter of T-00.18.PCN - On January 12, 2000, William J. Lindsey dba Roundup Cab Co., Roundup, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. No protests were received.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Roundup Montana and a twenty- (20) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the application. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(92) In the matter of T-00.19.PCN - On January 21, 2000, Shirley Hamilton dba Roundup Taxi, Roundup, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. No protests were received.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Roundup, Montana and a five- (5) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the application. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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(93) In the matter of T-00.22.OTSC - On February 18, 2000 an Order to Show Cause was issued to Terry D. McIntosh dba Havre Taxi, Havre, Montana for failure to maintain required liability insurance filings. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received and signed for on February 25, 2000. No response has been received from the motor carrier.

Class B - Passengers and packages within the City of Havre, Montana, and a fifty- (50) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to cancel the authority of PSC No. 8983. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(94) In the matter of TN2009 - City of Cut Bank, Cut Bank, Montana as lessee of PSC No. 9412, requests a thirty (30) day extension of time in which to meet compliance under the lease with Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba Disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana. Compliance was due on March 4, 2000 and the lessee requests until April 2, 2000.

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 grant the request for a 30-day extension of time to meet compliance (until April 2, 2000). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(95) In the matter of TN2021 - Cody Bus Lines, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 8968 for a six month period of time, February 23, 2000 to August 23, 2000.

Class B - Passengers, baggage and express within the City of West Yellowstone, Montana, and a twenty-five-- (25) mile radius thereof. Limitation: Transportation is limited to utilization of vehicles with rated seating capacity of ten (10) passengers or less.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No. 8968 for a period of six month. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(96) In the matter of TN2022 - Jill Michelle Richards dba Whitefish Taxi and Kiddie Cab, Whitefish, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9385 to Great Northern Cab & Delivery LLP, Whitefish, Montana for a six month period, March 13, 2000 to September 13, 2000.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within Whitefish, Montana and an eleven- (11) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation is prohibited south on U.S. Highway 2 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and 40. 2) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with rated seating capacity of seven or less. 3) Transportation in limousine service

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is prohibited. 4) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. 5) Transportation of skiers is prohibited to or from the Big Mountain Ski area from Thanksgiving Day through Easter Sunday. 6) Transportation to or from the airport is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for lease of PSC 9385 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(97) In the matter of TN202 - Rimrock Stages, Inc. dba Rimrock Trailways, Billings, Montana requests cancellation of their operating authority granted under Montana PSC No. 3603.

Class A - Passengers, baggage and express between Billings, Montana and Helena, Montana, over Highway 3 to the junction of said highway with U.S. Highway 12 one mile north of Lavina; thence over U.S. Highway 12 to Helena, Montana and return over the same route. Service to and from all intermediate points.

SUB A Class B - Persons and baggage by charter between all points served on its Class A authority to or from all points in the State of Montana. Limitations: Transportation in or out of Carbon County is prohibited; transportation by charter originating in Lewis & Clark County is prohibited; and transportation by charter originating in Yellowstone County is limited to 20 passengers or less, other than and in addition to, 10 charter trips per year of 40 passengers or less originating in Yellowstone County. In connection with the above described provision allowing 10 charter trips per year of 40 passengers or less, Rimrock Stages must furnish this Commission an affidavit setting forth in particular those charter trips of 40 passengers or less originating in Yellowstone County for each preceding calendar year on or before the 1st day of July of each year.

SUB B Class A - Persons, baggage and express between Billings, and Lavina, Montana, and intermediate points, via Action and Broadview over Montana State Highway No. 3.

SUB C Class B - Persons and baggage by charter from any points authorized to be served in a regular Class A service, to any and all points in the State of Montana. This certificate is incident to certificate of public convenience and necessity MRC No. 3603, authorizing Class A service and may not be separately sold or leased. Limitations: (1) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute the load is prohibited. (2) The charter trip must originate or terminate in the area authorized to be served by the carrier in Class A service. (3) Charter service, except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten miles.

SUB D Class A - Persons, baggage and express as a Class A common intrastate carrier between Helena, Montana and Missoula, Montana serving intermediate and off-route points of Drummond, Garrison, Avon, and Elliston, Montana with the: Limitation: No passengers, baggage or express will be carried whose entire ride is between Drummond and Missoula, or points intermediate.

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SUB F Class A - Passengers, baggage and express, between Helena, Montana and Bozeman, Montana over U.S. 12, 287, U.S. 10 and Interstate 90, serving intermediate and off-route points of East Helena, Townsend, Toston, Three Forks, Logan, Manhattan and Belgrade.

SUB G Class A - Persons and property (light express) from Great Falls to Havre.

SUB H Class A - Light express and newspapers between Great Falls, Montana, and Lewistown, Montana, over U.S. Highway No. 87, between Lewistown and Billings, Montana, over U.S. Highway No. 87.

SUB I Class A - Passengers, baggage, express, mail and newspapers between Cut Bank, Montana, and Shelby, Montana, via U.S. Highway No. 2, and serving the intermediate and off-route points of Simla, Ethridge and Baltic.

SUB J Class A - Passengers, baggage and express between Great Falls, Montana, and Sweetgrass, Montana, and all intermediate points along Interstate 15.

SUB K Class A - Persons and baggage between Billings, Montana, and Lewistown, Montana, via intermediate points.

SUB L Class A - Persons between Great Falls, Montana, and Lewistown, Montana, via U.S. Highway Nos. 87 and 87-E.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request to cancel PSC No. 3603. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and 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.....March 15, 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, March 15, 2000 the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(98) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2000.3.29 – Public Service Commission of Colorado Electric Supplier License Application; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the PSC of Colorado a limited electric supplier license. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N99.8.206 – PP&L Energy Plus Co., LLC – new electric supply license; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for name with the issuance of a new license and to cancel the license of the old name. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N98.9.208 – Dynegy Inc./ Illinova Energy Partners – Name Change; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant an electric supplier license to Dynegy. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N99.7.178 – Big Sky Power – Electric Supplier License - Termination; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the request to terminate the electric supplier license of Big Sky Power. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.12.277 and D96.11.200 – USW Deaveraging Network Elements Prices – Protective Order; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the draft Procedural Order and approve a new hearing date if necessary. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Janet Ellis, David Burchett

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2000.2.21 – USWC – Competitive Response Tariff; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner's McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner's Fisher and Feland dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(104) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. T-00.4.COM – Solid Waste Contractors SWC/BFI vs. MacKenzie Disposal - Complaint; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the motion by SWC/BFI and stay further action on the complaint until the rulemaking procedure concludes. McCaffree further moved to direct staff to notify McKenzie of the complaint and the rulemaking process. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of T-00.25.PCN – the Town of Terry – Temporary Authority Request; Commissioner Feland moved to grant authority with the exclusion of Dawson County. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(106) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L-99.10.10 – Practice Rules; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the policy statement and include it in the PSC Blue Book. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(107) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the newest draft PSC work session request form; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the form with the exclusion of the shading and the boxes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(108) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Joel Tierney to attend the Engineers Conference in Omaha, Nebraska in June 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....March 20, 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, March 20, 2000, the following members were present:

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

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent but left their votes with the Commission Secretary

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(109) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY D97.7.90 - On February 22, 2000, Big Sky Power LLC filed a Notice of Withdrawal as Intervenor in the Tier 2 proceeding. On the same day, Montana Food Distributors Association and Big Sky Power LLC filed a Motion for Substitution of Intervenor Parties. Big Sky Power is discontinuing business in Montana. The movants requested that the Commission allow the substitution of the Distributors Association, as one of two members of Big Sky Power, because the association wishes to continue as an intervenor in the case. Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the Motion for Substitution of Intervenor Parties. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(110) In the matter of TN2023 - Helena Unlimited, Inc. dba Last Chance Tours, Helena, Montana requests permission to amend Item 25 and Item 30 in their tariff, Passenger Tariff No. 6, reducing service on their Class A passenger operations from 7 days a week, at specific times, to a 6 day a week operation. Removing operations on Sunday from service.

Class A - Persons in the City of Helena, Montana. Limitations: This certificate may not be sold, leased, transferred or assigned.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request to amend Items 25 and 30. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and 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.....March 20, 2000

1:30 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 Monday, March 20, 2000 the following members were present:

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

Commissioner's Rowe and Anderson were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary as noted.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(111) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC – Reinstitute a Procedural Schedule and Hearing Date for Tier 2; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reinstitute the Procedural Schedule of Order No. 5986p. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby, Eric Eck, Robin McHugh

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.176 – MPC PSC further discussion on settlement; Commissioner Feland moved to accept the stipulations and directed staff to draft an order accepting the stipulations. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe wrote an additional opinion.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Robin McHugh

(113) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.11.247 – MPC – Gas Tracker; Commissioner Feland moved to adopt the interim order as final. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(114) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.15 – Citizens/Interbel - Application; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement between Citizens and Interbel. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

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1:30 p.m.

(115) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of USWC – Certification to FCC; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the certification of USWC to the FCC for Receipt of U.S. Funds.

Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to send a letter to USWC notifying USWC that the PSC may initiate a proceeding looking into/at how the money is being spent. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner’s Rowe and Anderson could not vote on this item, as it was additional. Commissioner Rowe later phoned the office and voted aye to the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(116) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.200 – USWC/Qwest – Merger – Pro Hac Vice Application of Gregory T. Diamond; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the application of Gregory T. Diamond. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Commissioner Anderson did not vote on this item. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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 Thursday, March 23, 2000 the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his proxy to Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(117) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Reciprocal Compensation Tariff Filing; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Protective Order by Ronan Telephone. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the Motion for Interim "Bill and Keep" by Montana Wireless (MWI). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Fisher and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Rowe voted Anderson aye temporarily. Commission Secretary was asked to try and contact Commissioner Anderson to confirm the aye vote. If vote could not be confirmed within a matter of minutes the vote would stand. Commissioner's McCaffree and Feland dissented. Vote stands 3-2.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Mike Lee

(118) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.2.27 – Ronan Telephone (RTC) v. Clark Fork Telephone (CFT) - Complaint; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Motion for Emergency Order and 3rd party testing; to instruct CFT to provide a temporary solution as soon as possible; to request that CFT extend the change period from 30 days from the date a satisfactory or temporary solution is in place; to require reports from CFT on status until a permanent solution is in place (report immediately/every 15 days thereafter). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

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.....March 27, 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. March 27, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was in Billings, but participated by telephone. Commissioner Rowe was testifying before the Senate in Washington, D.C., but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott. Administrator
Utility Division

(119) In the matter of US West COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N2000.3.34; On March 8, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-7 a promotional offering to Montana customers. In this filing US West Customers subscribing to ISDN single line service with a minimum one-year contract will receive one month of free service. The promotional period for this offering is to run from April 3, 2000 through June 3, 2000. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(120) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D97. 11.219 - On March 20, 2000, MPC filed its 2nd semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by MPC in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent, MPC is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an underecollection of 19.24 percent or \$792,779. For this past November percent warmer than normal on a degree day basis. This caused natural gas consumption to decline 19 percent from normal levels projected for this period. MPC is returning \$1,000,000 received as servicer of the trust credit in future filings. Also in this filing, MPC reflected 80 percent 9 of the proceeds from the sale of three gas properties. Those sales produced a credit of \$161,504. Since the sales are one-time adjustment the credit will only be included in rates for the period from April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001. For a residential customer using 10 Dkt per month the change in rates from these filings will be an increase of \$6.72 per year. Staff recommends that the increase in the FTA charges be approved effective April 1,2000. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the changes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(121) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket No. D97.7.90; On January 26, 2000, MPC requested an Accounting Order to accrue and defer the Costs of Customer Choice. MPC estimates that costs associated with Customer Choice will be approximately \$1.5 million through the end of the transition period (7/1/2002). The Customer Choice Costs relate to both Electric and Natural Gas service. An Order has been drafted which grants the Accounting Order. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the order granting the accounting order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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(122) In the matter of US West Communications - Docket N2000.3.33; On March 8, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-06 for approval of its proposed "Additional Line Promotion" which is to run from March 27, 2000 through May 5, 2000. During the promotional period residential customers who order an additional flat-rated line will receive a waiver of 50 percent of the nonrecurring charge associated with installation. The offer is limited to two additional lines. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(123) In the matter of US West./JATO Communications - Docket No. D99.10.245; On January 31, 2000 the Commission issued Order No. 6226 in this docket approving and rejecting part of the wireline interconnection agreement between JATO Communications and US West. On March 6, 2000 JATO and USWC filed a First Amendment to Interconnection Agreement amending the rejected parts of the agreement consistent with Commission direction. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the amendments. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(124) In the matter of TN2025 - Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc., dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9404 to Janie McNair dba Snappy Cab, Libby, Montana for one year, April 5, 2000 to April 5, 2001.

Class B - Non-emergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Lincoln County.

Class B - Passengers. baggage and express between all points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9404 for a period of one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(125) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes: Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the January 17, 2000 through March 6, 2000 Minutes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chairman
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was testifying before the Senate in Washington, D.C., but left his vote with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll, Soctt Fabel., Martin Jacobson

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.12.284/286/287 – USWC/MT Wireless, Pathnet, JS Telephony – Interconnection Agreements; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the draft orders in all 3 dockets {D99.12.287 Order No. 6236 – Pathnet/D99.12.287 Order No. 6237 JS Telephony/D99.12.284 Order No. 6238 Montana Wrieless}. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meet inc of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena. Montana, on Tuesday. March 28, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher. Chairman
Nancy McCaffree. Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was testifying before the Senate in Washington, D.C., but left his vote with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was on vacation, but left his vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Jay Driscoll, Leroy Beeby

(127) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.176 - MPC Gas Case - Stipulations: Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the final order to include grandfathering of previous requests for line extensions (six months). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner's Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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:

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Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was testifying before the Senate in Washington, D.C., but left his vote with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not vote on the following items.

A PPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney

(128) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.1 — DC Orr v. Flathead One Call Center - Complaint: Commissioner McCaffree moved to dismiss the complaint due to lack of jurisdiction and directing staff to write a letter to the complainant notifying them. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner’s Fisher, McCaffree and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

(129) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.2 - Shelby Gas Association - Declaratory Ruling: Commissioner Fisher moved to issue a Declaratory Ruling which is to state that Shelby Gas is not a public utility and to dismiss the rate filing by Shelby Gas. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(130) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Docket No. D99.8.187 - Havre Pipeline –Farm Tap Increase; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Farm Tap Increase filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Feland who voted aye.

(131) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Docket No. D2000.2.23 - Front Range Pipeline-Rate Increase Filing; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the rate increase filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Feland who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(132) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.13 - Energy Northwest, Inc.- Tariff revisions for miscellaneous charges; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff revisions as filed with the exceptions of; a) deny the increased Late Payment Charge, b) deny Disconnect Visit Charge and c) deny the Reconnection Charge. McCaffree’s motion includes monitoring of the “trouble call charge”. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(133) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2000.1.11 – USWC/Citizens Tele- Sale of Exchanges; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to issue the Protective Order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Janet Ellis, Scott Fabel

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.205 - USWC - Detariff Operator Services – Motion for Hearing on Record; Commissioner Feland moved to grant the Motion for Hearing on Record, with the option for additional Data Requests and schedule determined workable by staff. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Leroy Beeby

(135) In time matter of the Commission's discussion of N2000.3.32 - Century Tel – Promotional Offering; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the offering with direction to Century Tel to file a permanent offering. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Marla, Jay Driscoll, Bonnie Lorang

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Commissioners/Staff Calls Team; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to file comments with the FCC opposing the calls proposal. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1. Commissioner's Fisher, Feland and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Rowe abstains from hearing or voting on FCC matters.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(137) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC – Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 5986p; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action requesting responses by the intervenors (due to the PSC by April 3). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

(138) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC – Court Decision on Standards of Conduct – Butte – Silverbow; Commissioner McCaffree moved to close this work session. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

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9:00 a.m.

A PPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(139) In the matter of the Commission’s discussion of staff travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Bonnie Lorang to attend the 706 Joint Conference Meeting. April 14-17, 2000 in Tacoma, Washington and Sitka, Alaska and Anchorage, Alaska. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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