

MinutesAugust 29, 2001 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, August 29, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(281) In the matter of Qwest Corporation, Docket No. N2001.8.107; On August 14, 2001, Qwest Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal 01-26 "Suspension of Service Nonrecurring Charge." Under the existing tariff, when a residence or business customer suspends all services, the suspension of the service nonrecurring charge of \$14.94 for resident and \$30.10 for business is assessed when the service is suspended. Under the proposed tariff, the charge would be assessed when the service is restored. This makes the Montana tariff consistent with the other Qwest states in the manner in which the charge is applied. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt
Transportation

(282) In the matter of TN 2110; Ron Kindsfather dba Billings Trolley Co., Billings, Montana requests a final six month suspension of PSC No. 9378 (Sub A only), August 20, 2001 to February 20, 2002.

SUB A Class A – Passengers between all points and places in the City of Billings, Montana.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the suspension. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(283) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 20, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(284) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the implementation of HB 645, electrical energy pool, Docket No. D2001.3.30; Commissioner Brainard moved to adopt the allocation as recommended in the staff memo of August 28, 2001. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(285) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana application for increase in natural gas rates and application for approval of summary closure under the optional filing standards, Dockets No. D2000.10.176 and D99.4.106, respectively; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft order adopting amended interim order and summary closure as final order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(286) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cut Bank Gas application for approval of increased rates for natural gas service, Docket No. D2000.11.185; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the stipulated agreement. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(287) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's 711 application, Docket No. D2001.7.96; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the procedural order including instructing Qwest and the parties to brief the rate recovery issue within 20 days and to allow Qwest's generic protective order to cover this docket. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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(288) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Public Service Commission's annual certification of eligible telecommunications carriers to the Federal Communications Commission, Docket No. N2001.8.110; Commissioner Rowe moved to send the clarification requiring only an affidavit but alerting carriers to possible future documentation requests from the Commission. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Kate Whitney, Marla Larson

(289) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's application for 271 approval, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the preliminary report. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt

(290) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the travel of Tina Shorten to the NARUC staff subcommittee on consumer affairs meeting in Austin, Texas, September 23-25, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the travel of Susan Good to attend an Erate class in Washington, D.C. on September 17-18, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Brainard, Feland and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall dissented.

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(291) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/personnel matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve a raise for exempt employees of four percent. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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