

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 18, 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

(444) In the matter of CenturyTel, Docket No. N2001.11.157; November 29, 2001 CenturyTel filed Tariff Advise No. 2001-8. The purpose of this filing is to revise the Lifeline section to remove the listing of the actual amount of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC); language will remain to indicate that the SLC is waived for Tier 1 Federal Lifeline support. CenturyTel proposes this change so that the tariff will not have to be revised in the future when the SLC charge is revised per the FCC order on the Multi-Association Group (MAG) plan, FCC 01-304. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(445) In the matter of Clark Fork Telecommunications, Inc., Docket No. N2001.12.160; On December 3, 2001, Clark Fork filed Lifeline Tier 1 compliance filing removal of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC). In this filing, Clark Fork proposes to revise the tariff to reflect 1) the changes to Tier 1 Lifeline support and 2) removal of the Federal SLC from the tariff. Pursuant to FCC Order 01-304, the FCC dictated certain access charge reform measures for rate-of-return regulated companies. Among the reform measures adopted by the FCC was an increase to the single-line SLC. The SLC is an Interstate end user access charge regulated by the FCC and, as such, is tariffed in the interstate tariff. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve revision of the tariff. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
 Wayne Budt, Administrator  
 Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(446) In the matter of TN2120; James H. and Joan P. Michael dba Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 3664 to Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi & Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana for a one year period, October 7, 2001 to October 7, 2002.

Class B - Persons and baggage from Kalispell, Montana, and a two mile radius thereof to Glacier International Airport via U.S. Highway No. 2, and State Highway No. 206, serving all intermediate points and return. Limitations: The transportation of persons and baggage between points and places within the City of Kalispell and a two mile radius thereof is prohibited.

SUB A Class B - Persons and baggage deplaning from Frontier Airlines and Hughes Airwest flights at Glacier Park International Airport to West Glacier, Montana, and return over Montana Highway No. 206 and 40 and U.S. Highway No. 2, subject to the condition that carrier advise Glacier Park, Inc., of its proposed service schedule and take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to coordinate service with that furnished by Glacier Park, Inc.

SUB B Class B - Persons and personal baggage between all points and places within Kalispell and a three (3) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited. 2) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 3) Transportation of express is prohibited. 4) Utilization of vans is restricted to the transportation of fifteen (15) people, or less, per vehicle.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(447) In the matter of TN2121; James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to lease PSC No. 9297 to Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana for a one year period, December 28, 2001 to December 28, 2002.

Class D - Garbage, solid waste, debris between all points and places in Fallon, Carter and Wibaux County.

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

(448) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 10, 2001. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes .....December 18, 2001

9:00 a.m.

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

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(449) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s Default Supply Portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue an order pursuant to ARM 38.20.5008(3) to instruct Montana Power Company to provide information, within 14 days, regarding why the protected information should be considered trade secret and allow other interests persons to comment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed failed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Burchett

(450) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s gas restructuring and annual gas tracker, Docket Nos. D96.2.22 and D2001.12.156, respectively; Commissioner Stovall moved to issue the protective order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

David Hoffman, David Burchett

(451) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s CTC-GP credit and annual application to implement unreflected gas cost tracking and gas transportation adjustment clause balance (GTAC), Docket Nos. D97.11.219 and D2001.12.156, respectively; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the interim order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(452) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s application for approval of Section 271, Track A, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve issuance of the Final Report. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes.....December 18, 2001

9:30 a.m.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Ryan Morton

(453) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's application for approval of Section 271, Checklist Items 5 and 6, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve issuance of the Final Report. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(454) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's application for approval of Section 271, SGAT, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Final Report. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
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, December 20, 2001, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(455) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's application for approval of Section 271, Emerging Services and Line Sharing, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to instruct Qwest to continue to provide retail DSL to existing and new customers in areas where Qwest provides DSL, where a CLEC becomes the voice provider through UNE-P, UNE-loop, or resale; and to consider Qwest's allegations concerning the cost of continuing to provide DSL when a CLECC becomes the voice provider via UNE-loop in an upcoming wholesale cost docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(456) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's default supply portfolio filing, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the intervention of Liberty County but accept a letter as part of the file. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(457) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's sale to Northwestern, Docket No. D2001.1.5; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny Montana Power Company's motion as to Department of Environmental Quality's intervention. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes .....December 20, 2001

8:30 a.m.

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

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....December 21, 2001

2:00 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 Friday, December 21, 2001, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(458) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s Tier II electric restructuring, Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant late intervention to the Montana Attorney General. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Will Rosquist

(459) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s Tier II electric restructuring, sale to Northwestern Corporation, and default supply portfolio, Docket Nos. D97.7.90, D2001.1.5 and D2001.10.144, respectively; Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the motion to allow another week for a stipulation to be filed or the filing of intervenor testimony. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

Minutes .....December 21, 2001

2:00 p.m.

(SEAL)