

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, 2002, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(174) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Company, Docket No. N2002.3.38; On March 12, 2002, Ronan Telephone Company filed revised tariff sheets for housekeeping changes and deletion to the Ronan Payphone and Public Access Lines (PAL) tariffs. These changes are to remove obsolete tariffs and otherwise conform to previous FCC and PSC orders. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(175) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 1, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes on some issues, his proxy to other commissioners on some issues, and did not leave votes on some issues.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(176) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company/NorthWestern Energy Default Supply Portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the pro hac vice appearance of George Galloway. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the motion for protective order for NorthWestern Energy. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-1. Commissioners Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, David Hoffman, Susan Good

(177) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/personnel/Executive Planning Process; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the first four items identified in the Executive Planning Process – consultants, computer replacement, rent; and universal access program. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye.

Commissioner Rowe voted to, based on information supplied by three contractors and approval of the Department of Administration, authorize staff to enter into contract with Tim Watson, as sole source contractor, for up to \$10,000. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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

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APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(178) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Federal Communications Commission Docket No. 96-45, Comments on FCC NPRM re 10th Circuit Remand; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve joining Maine and Vermont in submitting comments to the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0-1. Commissioners Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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 Old Supreme Court Chambers, Capitol Room 303, in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(179) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company/NorthWestern Energy Default Supply Portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the waiver of appearance of Sheila Rice and admit her testimony. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to introduce the testimony of Sheila Rice into the record. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)