

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 20, 2002, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Anderson was absent from the meeting and the votes were left open for him.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(356) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2002.7.94; Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-AC03 on July 23, 2002. In this filing Qwest is requesting revisions to Section 6 & 15 of Qwest's Montana Access Service Tariff. This filing adds Universal Service Order Code (USOCs) to various existing transport elements. These USOCs are being added to bring USOCs in the state access tariff in alignment with those in the FCC Tariff #1. Among the Sections added was Section 16, Switched Access Service – Pricing Flexibility. There are no rate changes proposed with the listing of these additional USOCs in this filing and there is neither rate impact on customers nor revenue impact to Qwest. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(357) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 12, 2002. 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.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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Martin Jacobson, Scott Fabel

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications, Docket No. D2001.7.98; Commissioner Rowe moved to indefinitely suspend the docket and instruct the parties to file a status report on December 1, 2002, and staff should convene an initial meeting of the parties to organize a collaborative to discuss issues related to the case. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Susan Good

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Public Service Commission and Mongolian Energy Regulatory Authority exchange; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff travel to participate in the exchange. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Anderson, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Brainard and Feland dissented.

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