

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 3, 2002, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(502) In the matter of T-02.105.RI; On October 24, 2002 VIP Taxi Service, Inc., Livingston, Montana, as the purchaser of PSC No. 5682, submitted a request for increased rates on charges for the transportation of passengers under their operating authority, of between 25% and 400%. The rate increase was noticed to the public on November 15, 2002. Last date for protest is December 4, 2002 and the tariff is scheduled to become effective on December 7, 2002. To date, no protests have been received. Staff recommends approval of the rate increase barring receipt of any protests.

Class B - Passengers and small packages between all points and places within Livingston, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Limitations: (1) Movements which both originate and terminate within Bozeman, Montana are prohibited. (2) Transportation service is restricted to cab or taxi service only. (3) Transportation service to be provided is restricted against utilizing vehicles in excess of eight (8) person capacity. (4) Transportation service to or from Gallatin Field in or near Belgrade, Montana, must originate or terminate in Livingston, Montana. (5) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. (6) Truck delivery service is prohibited.

SUB A Class C - Passengers between all points and places in the following counties: Broadwater, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone. Limitation: (1) Transportation is limited to the account of Livingston Memorial Hospital or their successors in interest, and (2) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

SUB B Class B - Passengers and small packages between all points and places within Livingston, Montana and a one hundred twenty-five (125) mile radius thereof. Limitations: (1) Movements which both originate and terminate within Bozeman, Montana are prohibited. (2) Transportation service is restricted to cab or taxi service only. (3) Transportation service to be provided is restricted against utilizing vehicles in excess of eight (8) person capacity. (4) Transportation service to or from Gallatin Field in or near Belgrade, Montana, must originate or terminate in Livingston, Montana. (5) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. (6) Truck delivery service is prohibited.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the requested rate increase. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(503) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of November 25, 2002. Commissioner Rowe 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)

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Robin McHugh, Susan Good

(504) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's filing for Exempt Wholesale Generator status for Montana Megawatts, Docket No. D2002.10.131; Commissioner Rowe moved to set a hearing and issue a procedural schedule, which died for lack of a second. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice setting a hearing and procedural schedule. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Brainard offered a substitute motion to notice the EWG portion of the filing with a 10-day response. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented..

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(505) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Gas Tracker, Docket No. D2002.11.140; Commissioner Rowe moved to postpone issuing the interim tracker until after staff returns from an audit. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Steve Vick

(506) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Anderson moved that, as a matter of legislative policy, the Commission does not object to (MITS') proposal (re ETCs). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to co-sponsor an event with the Wheeler Center. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize posting vacancy for the attorney position as a classified position. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize submission of (Kati Maki's) position to be reclassified based on the addition of complaints work to the job duties. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Feland dissented.

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