

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 30, 2002, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee, Martin Jacobson

(538) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Long Distance Initial Tariff and Price List for Long Distance Service in Montana, Docket No. D2002.12.153; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the request for reconsideration. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard and Feland voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and Stovall dissented.

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 Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 2, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(539) In the matter of Front Range Pipeline, Docket No. D2002.11.136; On November 4, 2002, Front Range Pipeline filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its crude oil pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the application for increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(540) In the matter of Cenex Pipeline, Docket No. D2002.11.137; On November 4, 2002, Cenex Pipeline filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its refined products pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the application for increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(541) In the matter of Conoco Pipeline Co., Docket No. D2002.11.142; On November 15, 2002, Conoco Pipeline Co. filed an application for authority to discontinue service on its gathering system located in Petroleum, Rosebud, Musselshell and Yellowstone Counties due to significantly decreased volumes in the associated gathering fields. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the discontinuance of service. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(542) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company, Docket No. N2002.11.151; On November 27, 2002, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages for Commission review and approval. The purpose is to waive the Nonrecurring Records Only Charges, where available in the serving Wire Center for existing Residential customers who order Citizens Select / Select Plus services. In addition, the customer will receive a \$10.00 credit for Citizens Select / Select Plus services on their first month's bill or a free Caller ID phone. This promotion is scheduled to run from January 1, 2003 through February 15, 2003. Citizens Telecommunications is requesting a January 1, 2003 effective date. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff change effective upon approval. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(543) In the matter of T-02.103.PCN; On October 25, 2002 AC Capital Corp., Bozeman, Montana filed an application for intrastate operating authority. The application was noticed to the public on November 14, 2002 and protests were received. Applicant requests that the application be withdrawn and the docket closed.

Class D – Garbage and solid waste, in roll-off and compaction units, between (1) all points and places in Gallatin County. (2) Big Sky, Montana and a twenty-five (25) mile radius. (3) Ennis, Montana and a third (30) mile radius. (4) Livingston, Montana and a 35 mile radius. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

LIMITATION: Transportation is limited to service in Gallatin, Madison and Park, County, Montana.

Commissioner Brainard moved to accept the withdrawal and close the docket. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(544) In the matter of TN2165; James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana for a 12 month period, December 28, 2002 to December 28, 2003. Commissioner Rowe moved to continue the lease. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(545) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 16, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee

(546) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company and Blackfoot Telecommunications Reciprocal Compensation and Complaint, Docket No. D2000.1.14 and D2000.5.63; Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Commissioner Rowe as hearings examiner. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Anderson, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Brainard and Feland dissented.

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