

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 13, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner

Commissioner Jergeson was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Martin Jacobson

(14) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Schneider moved to support SB 70 concerning spending universal system benefits funds. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Brainard moved to support SB 77 extending universal system benefits to 2005. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Stovall moved to support HB 218 on transportation of nuclear materials. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Brainard left the call and did not leave a vote on this issue.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, 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 Tuesday, January 14, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(15) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 6, 2003. Commissioner Brainard 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

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(16) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval to Issue Securities, Docket NO. D2002.12.159; Commissioner Brainard moved to extend the time under § 69-3-503, MCA, for replying to this application for a period of up to 30 days. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Leroy Beeby

(17) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of CenturyTel's Directory Assistance Service Tariff, Docket No. N2002.12.155; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the directory assistance tariff filing as amended to include three complimentary directory assistance calls per month. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Kendal Ferguson

(18) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and Level 3 Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2002.6.68; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve as filed the Level 3 Customer Billing Amendment received on 11/13/2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and VarTec Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2002.1.1; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the amendment (filed on 11/13/2002) except Part 3, direct the parties to submit another amendment fully reflecting the direction in Order No. 6418, and direct the parties to update Section 6.2.3 to reflect language in Qwest's fifth version of the SGAT. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and New Edge Networks Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2002.9.108; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve as filed New Edge Network's Interconnection Agreement, received 9/3/2002, and the Amendment for DC Power Reduction, Collocation Cancellation, Decommission and Transfer, received 8/20/2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and Continental F.S. Communications Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2000.8.133; Commissioner Brainard

moved to approve as filed the Commission Ordered Amendment, received on 12/12/2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and New Access Communications Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2001.6.75; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve as filed the Performance Assurance Plan Amendment, received 12/12/2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve as filed the Local Switching and UNE-C Amendment, received on 11/13/2002. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC Application to Approve Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. D2002.11.148; Commissioner Brainard moved to adopt as filed the Interconnection Agreement, received on 11/21/2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney

(19) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of telecommunications service standards rulemaking, Docket No. L-98.4.2-RUL; Commissioner Schneider moved to proceed to notice the proposed rules (denying the request for informal discussions). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Brainard, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Jergeson and Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(20) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Federal Communications Commission's Non-Rural High Cost Fund 10th Circuit Remand, FCC Docket No. 96-45; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve payment of the \$510 balance on purchase of the database. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0-0. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Will Rosquist, Wayne Budt

(21) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Brainard moved to oppose the bill (SB 67) as currently written and as it involves the Public Service Commission. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin

(22) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve out-of-state travel for Joel Tierney for February 11-13, 2003 to Denver, Colorado, for operator safety pipeline safety training. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, 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 Wednesday, January 15, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(23) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Brainard moved to generally support SB 91, and offer amendments. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to send a letter to the Congressional delegation in support of extending the federal wind power investment tax credit. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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JAY STOVALL, 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 16, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Brainard was present via telephone for the beginning of the work session. The votes were left open for him and he later cast his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Steve Vick, Monica Tranel

(24) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Senator Stonington's Transition Advisory Committee bill, SB 67; Commissioner Schneider moved to support SB 67 provided it is amended to address the PSC's concerns. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Brainard later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of LC 1584 re slamming/cramming; Commissioner Jergeson moved to support LC 1584 and forward it to Rep. Gillan, the sponsor. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Brainard later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

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