

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(92) In the matter of TN2172; Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana, PSC No. 9270, requests an additional period of suspension, March 21, 2003 to May 17, 2003.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Virginia City and a two mile radius thereof.

Brainard moved to approve the extended suspension. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(93) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 3, 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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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary  
(SEAL)

Minutes.....March 11, 2003

9:30 a.m.

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Monica Tranel, Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson

(94) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's Long Distance Tariff Transmittal, Docket No. D2002.12.153; Commissioner Brainard moved to deny Qwest's motion for protective order. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(95) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Exempt Wholesale Generator Determination for Milltown Dam, Docket No. D2003.2.25; Commissioner Schneider moved to issue a notice of opportunity for public hearing with opportunity to intervene and/or file comments. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(96) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Default Procurement Guidelines Rulemaking, Docket No. L-02.11.5-RUL; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the rules with directions to finalize proposed notice of adoption. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson, Rowe and Schneider voted aye. Commissioner Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson

(97) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPSC Comments to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Incentive Rate of Return Pricing Policy, FERC Docket No. PL-03-1-000; Commissioner Stovall moved to submit Commissioner Rowe's version of comments to the FERC. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Jergeson and Schneider dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(98) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 4 Dot County Water and Sewer District; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue a waiver of review. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Landmark Water Company's Interim Rate Request, Docket No. D2003.2.24; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the interim rate request with a true-up. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Steve Vick, David de Gil

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and personnel; Commissioner Jergeson moved to proceed with filling the vacant economist position (Kendal Ferguson). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to allocate \$50,000 towards contracting initially for the information systems rewrite (ITS, Tiger, internet). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stovall moved to appoint Rhonda Simmons to the Energy Share Board. 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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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

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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 Friday, March 14, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Steve Vick

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to send a letter to the sponsor/committee concerning effect of the bill, stating that it would not allow the PSC to review or approve rates filed. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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