

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 21, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Mood and Commissioner Raney were absent and did not leave a vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Kate Whitney, Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Leroy Beeby

(113) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters;

Commissioner Schneider moved to have the Montana PSC oppose HB 783. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 0.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
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, March 22, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Votes were left open for Commissioner Robert Raney and Commissioner Doug Mood.

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(114) In the matter of NorthWestern Energy - Docket No. D97.11.219: On March 9, 2005, NWE filed its eleventh semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by NWE in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service and the actual amounts available to satisfy the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent NWE is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an under collection of 2.91 percent or (\$132,843). An increase in FTA-GP, FTA-RA (Core), FTA-RA Utility, FTA-RA (Non-Core) rates is necessary based on future payment obligations and projected market load. The new FTA rates should ensure enough funds are collected to make the next principal and interest payment.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the changes in the FTA charges effective April 1, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 0.

(115) In the matter of Qwest Corporation - Docket No. N2005.3.24: On March 4, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-05, 2005 Spring Fling Promotion. For a limited 89 day period beginning April 4, 2005, and continuing until July 1, 2005, Qwest is proposing to offering a special per span promotional price of \$585 on Primary Rate ISDN service, and \$399 on advanced Digital Switch Service and \$645 on Basic Digital Switched service on three year contracts for customers seeking to: Install new PRS/DSS Service., Renew contracts to 3 year contract term, Migrate analog, DSS or UAS services to a PRS 3 year contract (no Migration credits), Migrate Analog to a DSS 3 year contract (no Migration credits), Winback customers to Qwest PRS 3 year contract (no WinBack credits), Customers requested due date can be no later than September 2, 2005, Installation charges will be waived, Contracts need to be signed no later than July 1, 2005.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Qwest's tariff filing in N2005.3.24 for Spring Fling Promotion. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(116) In the matter of Qwest Communications Corporation - Docket No. N2005.3.27: On March 8, 2005, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed Tariff Transmittal 05-01. This filing is introducing the Choice Unlimited, 5 Cent, and 300 Minute Calling Plan for residential customers. In addition, this revision is also moving the Qwest Choice Long distance plan for Residential customers to the Obsolete Service Offering Section. QCC is also adding Employee

Discount Language to section 2 and Free Nights and Weekends to several Residential calling plans.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve QCC's Tariff Transmittal QCC05-01 in Docket No. N2005.3.26. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(117) In the matter of Qwest Long Distance - Docket No. N2005.3.27: On March 8, 2005, Qwest LD Corp. (QLDC) filed Tariff Transmittal 05-02. This filing is introducing the Choice Unlimited, 5 Cent, and 300 Minute Calling Plan for residential customers. In addition, this revision is also moving the Qwest Choice Long distance plan for Residential customers to the Obsolete Service Offering Section. QLDC is also adding Employee Discount Language to section 2 and Free Nights and Weekends to several Residential calling plans.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve QLD's Tariff Transmittal QLD C05-02 in Docket N2005.3.27. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(118) In the matter of T-05.6.RI: On February 17, 2005 Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce, Butte, Montana filed a rate increase to amend their passenger tariff No. 7. The rate increase raises the adult fare from \$6 to \$10 and the child fare from \$3.50 to \$5. The increase was noticed to the public on March 2, 2005 and no protests have been received.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the rate increase filed in Docket T-05.6.RI. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(119) In the matter of T-05.4.ST: On January 25, 2005 Milam, Inc. dba A-Limo Limousine Co., Cody, Wyoming filed a request to transfer PSC No. 8943 to Dave Reed Trucking, Inc. dba A-Limo Limousine Co., Billings, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on February 10, 2005 and no protests were received.
the sale and transfer of PSC No. 8943 in Docket T-

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the sale and transfer of PSC No. 8943 in Docket T-05.4.ST. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(120) In the matter of TN2255: Glendive Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., Miles City, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 411 for a six month period, March 16, 2005 to September 16, 2005.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the request for suspension of PSC No. 411 in Docket TN2255. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(121) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 14, 2005. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC's Investigation of Electricity Market Activity Affecting Retail Customers during the Period 2000 through 2001 - Docket No. D2004.2.21:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the motion to compel and establish September 1 as a date to complete review of documents requested, and NorthWestern maintain a record of costs incurred so that either they can be compensated out of recovery or they have an opportunity to seek cost recovery. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Commissioner Schneider made a substitute motion to grant the motion to compel production of all documents sought, save and except for those related to natural gas, that in the event there are representations of confidentiality that NorthWestern respond with appropriate requests for protection, the time frame for consideration and examination of these documents be completed no later than September 1, and that NorthWestern maintain accounting records to support costs associated with complying with discovery. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
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, March 24, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson, Kate Whitney, Robin McHugh

(123) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of OMS replay comments-state access to confidential data;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to have the Montana PSC join in comments of OMS and have Commissioner Jergeson be delegated the authorization to represent the Commission at the OMS Board meeting. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(124) In the matter of the Commission's discussion on Legislative matters;

Commissioner Schneider moved to have the Montana PSC oppose HB 800. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed with a 3 to 2 vote. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Mood voted nay.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

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