

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 6, 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

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

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

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of November 28, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator legal division  
Lori Sandru, Utility Division

(461) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Biegel v. Qwest Complaint- Docket No. D2005.10.157:

Commissioner Raney moved to dismiss the complaint and close the docket in D2005.10.157. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(462) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sagebrush Cellular ETC application- Docket No. D2004.1.7:

Commissioner Raney moved to certify Sagebrush Cellular as a Montana ETC and send certification to the FCC and USAC. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(463) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel to approve Candace Beery's travel to Portland for January 9 Grid West meeting:

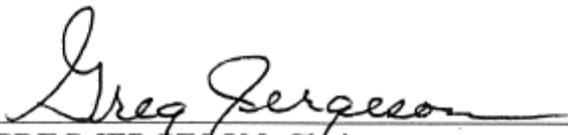
Commissioner Schneider moved to approve staff travel for Candace Beery to attend Grid West in Portland on January 9, 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

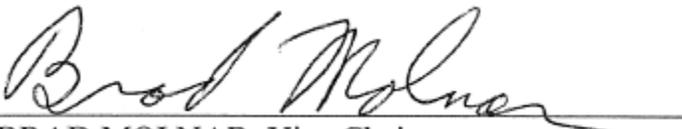
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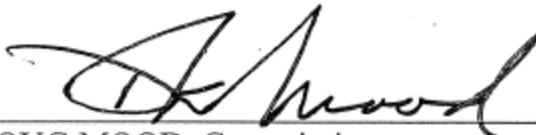
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(464) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy gas procurement plan docket and qualifying facility avoided cost dockets- Dockets N2005.6.101 and D2003.7.86, et al:

Commissioner Mood moved that the PSC deny NorthWestern Energy's motions for reconsideration in both dockets and that we instruct staff to clarify the denial in a way to indicate the Commission will not reconsider this issue of special terms and conditions. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

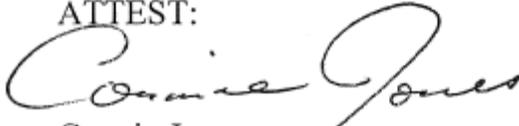
  
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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

  
DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

  
ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

  
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

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