

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(389) In the matter of Qwest - N2006.9.135 - on September 15, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-16. In this filing Qwest is requesting to update certain definitions and terms and conditions associated with a number of Custom Calling services.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-16 in Docket N2006.9.135. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(390) In the matter of Qwest - N2006.9.136 - on September 15, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-15 Residence Qwest Choice™ Home Plus Promotion. During the promotion period from October 15, 2006, through January 12, 2007, residence customers who purchase Qwest Choice™ Home Plus or Qwest Choice™ Two-line Home Plus will receive a credit of \$7.00 per month for the first three months that they have the package. This promotion is available on all Change, New Connect or Transfer of Service orders placed during the promotional period and where facilities are available.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-15 in Docket N2006.9.136. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(391) In the matter of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of September 25, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(392) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Buzz Telecom, Inc., Billing Concepts, Inc. - misrepresentation by Buzz Telecom on behalf of Nemont:

Commissioner Mood moved that the Commission accept and docket the complaint against Buzz

Telecom, Inc. and Billing Concepts, Inc. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(393) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.10.156 - MDU - application for approval of natural gas conservation programs:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the final order in D2005.10.156. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Mood voted no.

(394) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 - NWE - consolidated gas and electric USB dockets:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve and issue the draft order. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(395) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.6.82 - NorthWestern Corp. - In the matter of the joint application of NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock Brown Infrastructure Limited, BBI US Holdings Pty. Ltd., BBI US Holdings II Corp., and BBI Glacier corp. for approval of the Sale and Transfer of NorthWestern Corporation Pursuant to a merger agreement:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant NorthWestern's motion for Protective Order regarding board minutes. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Molnar voted no with respect to the minutes related to the transaction.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve BBI's motion for Protective Order regarding the external rate of return. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGSON, 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, October 5, 2006, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Raney was absent, but gave his proxy to Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(396) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.6.82 - NorthWestern Corp.:

Commissioner Molnar move to grant BBI's Motion for Reconsideration of financing commitments. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant protective order covering the redactions shown in Exhibits I and II to the Motions to Reconsider. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 - 1. Commissioner Schneider voted no with respect to those elements that are strictly output.

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

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)