

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 12, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division
Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(85) In the matter of the 2007 Legislative Session

House Bill 434

Commissioner Raney moved to support House Bill 434. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Molnar and Toole voted no.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, 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 Tuesday, February 13, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(86) In the matter of D99.9.123, D2002.6.75 and D2002.9.114-Qwest Corporation. Qwest has filed for approval with the Commission Three Interconnection Amendment Agreements.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement Amendments in D99.9.123-Qwest Corporation/Northwest Communications Network, Inc., D2002.6.75-Qwest Corporation/Wireless of Montana, LLC, and D2002.9.114-Qwest Corporation/Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0.

(87) In the matter of D2002.6.75 and D2005.3.37-Qwest Corporation. Qwest Corporation has filed for approval with the Commission two Digital Subscriber Line Interconnection Agreement Amendments.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the DSL interconnection Agreement Amendments in D2002.6.75-Qwest Corporation/Wireless of Montana, LLC, and D2005.3.37-Qwest Corporation/Prime Time Ventures, LLC. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(88) In the matter of N2007.1.14-Verizon Montana - on January 24, 2007, Verizon filed revisions to its Verizon Montana Tariff No.2.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve Verizon's revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2 in Docket N2007.1.14. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0

(89) In the matter of N2007.1.15 - CenturyTel of Montana Inc. - filed Tariff Transmittal No.07-02.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal No. 07-02 in Docket N2007.1.15. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(90) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 05, 2007.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 05, 2007. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(91) In the matter of Commission's discussion of N2007.1.10 - Citizens Telecommunications, Citizens Telecommunications-Tariff Filing-Termination or re-origination of calls over a data service:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Citizens Advice Letter No. MT-07-02 in Docket N2007.1.10. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(92) In the matter of Commission's discussion of D2006.12.186 - Qwest Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC - Interconnection Agreement and Associated Amendment:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Qwest Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC interconnection agreement and associated amendment in D2006.12.186. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(93) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.12.192-CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. and 360 Networks (USA) Inc. Interconnection Agreement:

Commissioner Toole moved to approve opt-in agreement between CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. and 360 Networks (USA) Inc. Interconnection Agreement in D2006.12.192. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(94) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.1.16. Northwestern Energy Service Agreement with Yellowstone Mountain Club:

Commissioner Raney moved to notice this application. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Candace Beery, Utility Division

(95) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northern Tier Transmission Group. Summarize current Northern Tier Transmission Group projects, Columbia Grid's FERC filing, and a potential response.

Commissioner Toole moved to sign on to the letter and to approve the letter subject to edits. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(96) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Connie Jones going from a 10 hour every other week schedule to a straight 10 hour work day 4 days a week effective February 26, 2007.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve Connie Jones request for 10 hour per day work schedule. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division

(97) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of request for extension of time to use excess annual leave for Mike Lee.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Mike Lee's request for an extension to June 30, 2007 to use up his excess annual leave. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(98) In the matter of Commission's discussion of out of state Travel for Staff: March 12-16, 2007 (Joel Tierney) General Pipeline Safety Awareness Course, Athens, Alabama; April 10-12 (Eric Dahlgren) Gas Pressure Regulation and Overpressure Protection Course, Oklahoma City, OK; June 11-15, 2007 (Eric) Joining of Pipeline Materials Course, Oklahoma City, OK; June 18-22, 2007 (Joel) National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives Meeting (Western Region), Seattle, WA.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve out-of-state travel for staff. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters:

LC 1169

Commissioner Toole moved to ask staff to have the bill drafting completed to be ready to have the bill ready for introduction. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant 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, February 14, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Will Rosquist, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(100) In the matter of the 2007 Legislative Session:

House Bill 626

Commissioner Toole moved to oppose House Bill 626. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

House Bill 659

Commissioner Toole moved to oppose House Bill 659. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no. Commissioner Mood abstained.

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

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, 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, February 15, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

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

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.12.176 – NorthWestern Energy – In the matter of the Application of NorthWestern Energy for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees:

Commissioner Toole moved to grant reconsideration and issue an order making the change with respect to item #1, the wet tax issues; to deny reconsideration with respect to item #2, the application for the tribal tax; and to grant reconsideration and issue an order making the change with respect to item #3, the application of the 60% rule. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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