

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Mood was absent, but left his proxy with Commissioner Molnar.

APPEARANCE  
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(17) In the matter of D2004.7.108 - Qwest Corporation and Qwest Communication Corporation – Qwest has filed for approval with this Commission a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between the parties. The amendment contains the VoIP language negotiated between Commission staff and Qwest for VoIP amendments. This amendment was voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved.

Commission Toole moved to approve the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest Corporation and Qwest Communications Corporation in Docket No. D2004.7.108. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(18) In the matter of TN2383 – VIP Taxi, Inc., Livingston, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC NO. 5682 for a six month period, January 5, 2008 to July 5, 2008;

Commission Toole moved to approve the suspension as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(19) In the matter of approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 14, 2008.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 14, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(20) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.10.125 – Hot Springs Telephone Company and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless Interconnection Agreement;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Hot Springs Telephone Company and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless interconnection agreement in D2007.10.125. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(21) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.10-126 – Ronan Telephone Company and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless Interconnection Agreement.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Ronan Telephone Company and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless interconnection agreement in D2007.10.126. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(22) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 12-19-07 Supreme Court decision in Qwest Corp. v. Montana Department of Public Service Commission;

Commissioner Molnar moved to issue the order requiring the filing of information in the form of the minimum filing requirements or alternatively a proposal for alternative form of regulation in the matter of the PSC investigation of Qwest Corp. regarding the justness and reasonableness of rates schedules and terms and conditions of service. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bryan Baldwin, Utility Division

(23) In the matter of OMS comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding MISO's resource adequacy filing;

Commissioner Raney moved to have Montana join in on the draft comments to FERC. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(24) In the matter of T-07.36.PCN – Mary Bell Harper dba Livingston Taxi – Final Order;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Proposed Order No. 6885 as the Final Order in Docket T-07.36.PCN. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division  
Staci Litschauer, Centralized Services

(25) In the matter of budget review, discussion, direction – FY 08 operating budget, discuss personnel service adjustments FY 08 and 09, initial discussion of Executive Planning Process for 2009 session, other budget issues.

Commissioner Toole moved for the adoption of the ACT recommendations to be effective January 19, 2008. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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