

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(118) In the matter of N2008.3.26-Qwest Communications. On March 19, 2008, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal QCC08-02.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal QCC08-02 in Docket N2008.3.26. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(119) In the matter of N2008.3.28-AT&T. On March 25, 2008, AT&T filed a Petition for Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements set forth in the FCC's Number Resource Optimization Order, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the AT&T Petition for a Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirements and instruct the NANPA to issue an appropriate 1000 number block in Missoula, Montana to AT&T. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(120) In the matter of TN2390-Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation LLP, Culbertson, Montana, PSC No. 5039, has submitted a verified statement in lieu of intrastate garbage operations, as required by 38.3.1205 MCA.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to accept the verified statement in lieu of intrastate operations of \$5000. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(121) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 31, 2008.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 31, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.2.12-Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Alltel Communications, LLC interconnection agreement;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Alltel Communications, LLC interconnection agreement in Docket 2008.2.12. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brian Dekiep, Utility Division

(123) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of OMS Comments-Discuss draft OMS comments to FERC;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve Montana's participation in general agreement with the draft OMS comments and to delegate to Commissioner Jergeson's proxy the authority to deal with any amendments that may arise. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(124) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.6.59 & D2006.6.94-In the matter of NorthWestern Energy's Annual Applications for approval of 2006 and 2007 Avoided Cost Compliance Filings, Schedules QFLT-1;

Commissioner Raney moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's motion for a Protective Order covering coal costs for a period April 2006 to March 2007. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Toole voted no.

Commissioner Raney moved to deny CELP's second motion to compel response to CELP #11 and deny the motion to strike as moot. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to deny CELP'S motion for clarification. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state staff travel-Obtain approval for Gary Duncan to attend the New Mexico State University "Basics" course as an instructor the week of May 18;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Gary Duncan's out of state travel to New Mexico on May 18, 2008. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.2.18-Chinook Wireless Inc. application for designation as an ETC;

Commissioner Raney moved that the draft order be adopted as the final order in Docket D2007.2.18 with necessary edits and bring back to the Commission. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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