

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 15, 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

(127) In the matter of N2008.3.29-Citizens. On March 26, 2008, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-04, Administrative Cleanup.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-08-04 in Docket N2008.3.29. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(128) In the matter of N2008.3.32-Central Montana Communications. On March 28, 2008, Central Montana Communications requested modifications to its tariffs.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Central Montana Communications requested modifications in Docket N2008.3.32. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(129) In the matter of TN2391-Waste Connections of Montana, Inc., Miles City, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9418 to R Double S LLC dba Miles Sanitation Service, Miles City, Montana for a six month period, April 15, 2008 to October 15, 2008.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 9418 as applied for. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(130) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 7, 2008.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 7, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(131) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.1.3-Qwest/Ronan/Hot Springs-Referral from U.S. District Court-payment responsibility;

Commissioner Raney moved to issue the order brought to the Commission in draft form in Docket D2008.1.3 as drafted. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Molnar moved to issue the final order in Docket D2007.2.18 designating Chinook Wireless as an ETC. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kim Moran and Will Rosquist, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(133) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.1.2-AARP complaint against MDU involving gas and electric USB charges;

Commissioner Molnar moved we not schedule the hearing in this matter on May 8 as tentatively scheduled, but that staff return in two weeks with further recommendations on how to proceed. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-NorthWestern Energy Allocated Cost of Service and Rate Design, Phase II;

Commissioner Raney moved to use a contested case proceeding to proceed with NorthWestern Energy application in D2007.7.82. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Staci Litschauer and David DeGil,
Centralized Services

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of IT Plan, EPP items, and other budget items;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the IT Plan with the amendments recommended by Kate. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve FTE for the attorney position, but not the FTE for the rate analyst position. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which failed 3-2. Commissioner Molnar and Mood voted yes.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the request for an additional attorney and an additional analyst within those FTE to rank attorney as number one and rate analyst as number two. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Molnar and Mood 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

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