

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 22, 2008, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(136) In the matter of N2007.8.97-NorthWestern Corporation. On August 20, 2007, NorthWestern Energy filed an application for approval of its proposed Rule 16-Electric Net Metering to be included in its Electric Tariff.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve NorthWestern Energy's filed Net Metering Tariff. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(137) In the matter of N2008.4.34-Sprint. On April 7, 2008, Sprint requested changes to its Montana PSC Price List No. 1.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Sprint's Montana PSC Price List No. 1 changes in N2008.4.34. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(138) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 14, 2008;

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

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine and Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(139) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC 96-45-Mid-Rivers Telephone Co-op;

Commissioner Molnar moved to direct staff to draft a reply after the initial comments are received in FCC 96-45. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(140) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.9.108-MDU Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the consolidation of the October 2007 gas cost tracking adjustment filing with the next annual tracking filing to be effective October 2008. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(141) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Prospect Wind LLC Complaint against NorthWestern Energy;

Commissioner Molnar moved to defer decision on the complaint from Prospect Wind and inform Prospect Wind by letter that the deferral is until information is received from NorthWestern Energy. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(142) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.2.15-Stillwater Estates Initial Rates;

Commissioner Toole moved to issue an interim order with the editing change indicated by staff in Docket D2008.2.15. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Bryan Baldwin and Mike Lee, Utility Division
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(143) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.79-General Electric Rate Case-Discuss Final Order Draft;

Commissioner Molnar moved to disapprove the Final Order in D2007.7.79. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Final Order in Docket D2007.7.79 subject to the language changes indicated this morning. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commission Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(144) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.12.152-Two Dot Wind, LLC Petition to have PSC establish terms and conditions for a QF contract with NorthWestern Energy;

Commissioner Toole moved to adopt the draft as its Final Order in D2007.12.152, subject to minor editing changes. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

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

(145) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ACT-EPP request for 2009 Legislature;

Commissioner Toole moved to add \$35,000 to \$37,000 to the EPP for the possibility of MT TV coverage. 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:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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