

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 29, 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

(146) In the matter of D2008.3.31-Black Hills Power. On March 31, 2008, Black Hills Power filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant Black Hills Power's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(147) In the matter of N2008.4.37-AT&T. On April 11, 2008, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2008-05, Private Line Interoffice Channels and Locate Channel Services Tariff.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve AT&T's Tariff Transmittal 2008-05 in Docket N2008.4.37. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(148) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 21, 2008.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 21, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(149) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.6.105-Public Service Commission Investigation of and direction on Qwest use of US Funds.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the consent and waiver in order to allow Jim to participate as advisory staff attorney in Docket D2005.6.105. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(150) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2008.4.41-Stimson Lumber Co. Request to return to NorthWestern Energy electric supply service;

Commissioner Toole moved to Issue a Notice of the Application, Opportunity to Comment and Opportunity to request a Contested Case. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(151) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy BPA residential exchange credit;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve setting NorthWestern Energy's residential exchange tariff rate to \$0.00 per kilowatt hour. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-NorthWestern Energy's application for approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates;

Commissioner Toole moved to grant Jefferson Energy Trading LLC's Petition for Late Intervention for good cause shown. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.3.30-MDU Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90;

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant interim approval for a decrease from the currently authorized CTA rates .007 dollars per dkt to .005 dollars per dkt. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(154) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L-08.4.1-RUL-PSC Rulemaking;

Commissioner Toole moved to issue Notice of Public Hearing on proposed rulemaking in the matters in the attached memo along with any editing changes indicated by staff. Commissioner Raney 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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