

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 12, 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

(291) In the matter of N2008.7.86: Central Montana Communications, Inc. On July 24, 2008, Central Montana Communications, Inc. proposed changes to its Monthly Recurring Charges.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve Central Montana Communications, Inc.'s proposed changes to its Monthly Recurring Charges in Docket N2008.7.86. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(292) In the matter of D2004.3.32: Qwest Corporation has filed for approval with this Commission a Triennial Review Order/Triennial Review Remand Order amendment in Docket D2004.3.32.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest Corporation and Avika Communications, Inc. in Docket D2004.3.32. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(293) In the matter of D2004.11.184: Qwest Corporation filed a motion requesting approval by the Commission regarding an Interconnection Agreement Amendment between Qwest Corporation and ComPartners, LLC in Docket No. D2004.11.184.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest Corporation and ComPartners, LLC in Docket No. D2004.11.184. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(294) In the matter of TN2404: James H. and Joan P. Michael dba Airport Shuttle Service, Somers, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 3664, for a period of six months, from August 4, 2008 to February 4, 2009.

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

(295) In the matter of TN2405: Titan Enterprises, Inc. dba Diamond Cab and Diamond Wheelchair Van, Great Falls, Montana, PSC No. 308, requests permission to cancel PSC No. 308, Sub D, only. This authority has been in suspension for the past twelve months.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to Cancel PSC No. 308, Sub D, as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(296) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 4, 2008:

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 4, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(297) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.4.36: Investigation of NorthWestern Energy Compliance with Order 6505e.

Commissioner Toole moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's motion for a Protective Order to govern access to its Federal and State Income Tax returns for the years 2001 through the present in Docket D2008.4.36. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(298) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.69: NorthWestern Corporation's request for approval of Colstrip Unit 4 Protective Order.

Commissioner Toole moved to grant the motion for Protective Order covering any Non Privileged communication by and between its non Attorney Employees directly related to ongoing administrative/legal proceedings involving Colstrip 4 in Docket D2008.6.69. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Toole moved to grant the Protective Order covering the Company Wide Forecasted Financial Information concerning the potential financial consequences if the sale to Bicent is consummated. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division

(299) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out of state travel:

Commissioner Toole moved to approve out of state travel for Mike Lee to attend the October Qwest Regional Oversight Committee Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona October 14-15, 2008. Commissioner Raney 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 JERGESON, 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:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

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