

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 26, 2008, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(307) In the matter of D2008.8.93: MDU Resources Group, Inc. On August 8, 2008, MDU applied for authority to issue short-term debt securities in the aggregate principle amount of up to \$330,000,000 in the form of one or more promissory notes to finance, on an interim basis, the acquisition of Intermountain Gas Company.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve MDU's request to issue short-term debt up to \$330,000,000 to finance on an interim basis the acquisition of Intermountain Gas Company. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(308) In the matter of T-08.33.RI: On July 16, 2008 Titan Enterprises, Inc. dba Diamond Cab Company and Diamond Wheelchair Van, Great Falls, Montana filed a rate increase request covering passenger operations conducted under PSC No. 308.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the rate increase as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(309) In the matter of TN2407: Rickey D. Rost and Harry Ellis, a Partnership dba Disposal Service Company, Miles City, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9439 to Miles City Sanitation Service LLC, Miles City, Montana for a six month period August 26, 2008 to February 26, 2009.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the lease as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(310) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 18, 2008:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 18, 2008. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(311) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.5.56: Interconnection agreement between Ronan Telephone Company and Alltel Communications, LLC.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Ronan Telephone Company/Alltel Company LLC dba Alltel Interconnection Agreement in Docket D2008.5.56. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(312) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.4.61: In the Matter of Phantom Hills Water Company to establish initial rates and charges.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the initial rates and charges for Phantom Hills Water Company in Docket D2004.4.61. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(313) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.4.36: In the matter of an investigation of NorthWestern Corporation's compliance with Order 6505e.

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant the Montana Consumer Counsel's Motion to Compel attachments to emails identified as Items 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1722, 1723 and 1844 in NorthWestern's privilege log filed in this docket, order NorthWestern to produce the documents not later than August 29, 2008, and to deny the Montana Consumer Counsel's request for an order establishing that NorthWestern's failure to comply with the Commission's production deadlines constitutes a waiver of a right to claim privilege of any document produced in the future. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division
Joel Tierney, Utility Division

(314) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.71: In the matter of the application of Cenex Pipeline LLC to increase rates and charges.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to grant Cenex Pipeline, LLC's request to increase rates and charges in Docket D2008.6.71. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(315) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.72: In the matter of the application of Front Range LLC to increase rates and charges.

Commissioner Toole moved to grant Front Range Pipeline, LLC's request to increase rates and charges in Docket D2008.6.72. 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:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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