

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair  
Ken Toole, Vice Chair  
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner, via telephone  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

(26) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of House Bill 182 and House Bill 294.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Toole moved to OPPOSE House Bill 182 and register opposition with the committee at the chair's discretion. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Molnar abstained.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Vincent moved to PROPOSE a fiscal note in House Bill 294 for a minimum of .05 and .1 FTEs and oppose cost for filing rules. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Molnar abstained.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chair

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KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair  
Ken Toole, Vice Chair  
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

(27) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of House Bill 294.

Commissioner Toole moved to CHANGE calculations to include one rule making procedure and one utility application under the terms of the act in House Bill 294. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chair

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KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 22, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair  
Ken Toole, Vice Chair  
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(28) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 12, 2009.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of January 12, 2009. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(29) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.6.61: Energy West Monthly tracker true-up and projected gas costs.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the final order as drafted by staff subject to minor edits in Docket No D2008.6.61. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(30) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.4.36: Investigation of NorthWestern Energy's compliance with order 6505e. Motion for Reconsideration.

Commissioner Molnar moved to DENY the motion for reconsideration in Docket No. D2008.4.36. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division  
Leroy Beebe, Utility Division

(31) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.12.143: NorthWestern Energy application for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees draft final order.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the final order as drafted by staff subject to minor edits to paragraphs 29, 30 and to paragraph number 1 of the order in Docket No. D2008.12.143. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brian Dekiep, Utility Division

(32) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northern Tier Transmission Group, appointment of Commission Toole to Northern Tier Transmission Group Steering Committee.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPOINT Commissioner Ken Toole as the PSC representative on the Northern Tier Transmission Group Steering Committee per Northern Tier Transmission Group rules to replace retiring representative, Commissioner Mood. Commissioner Molnar 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, Chair

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KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, January 23, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair  
Ken Toole, Vice Chair  
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

(33) In the matter of the Commission Discussion in House Bill 294.

Commissioner Toole moved to SUPPORT House Bill 294 and offer technical amendment to Section 2 that the language, "on the effective date of the act" be added to clarify that it applies to utilities that do not own production and gathering facilities on the date of the act. Commissioner Gutsche 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, Chair

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KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)