

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 21, 2009, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(172) In the matter of N2009.4.48: On April 1, 2009, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-09-04.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE Citizens Advice Letter No. MT-09-04 in Docket N2009.4.48. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(173) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 13, 2009:

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 13, 2009. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(174) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.9.111: Commission investigation of Alltel's compliance with ETC designation requirements.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Toole moved to GRANT Alltel's motion for reconsideration of previous Commission action overruling Alltel's objection to PSC 37(b) in Docket No. D2008.9.111. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Toole moved to SUSTAIN Alltel's objection to PSC 37(b). Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION 3: Commissioner Molnar moved to RECONSIDER the Commission's overruling Alltel's objection to PSC 42(c). Motion failed for lack of a second.

(175) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket Nos. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106: NorthWestern Energy natural gas and electric USB investigation.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's motion for extension of time until May 1, 2009, in Docket Nos. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, and D2005.6.106. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Utility Division

(176) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state travel.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE out of state travel for: Eric Dalhgren, Safety Evaluation of Inline Inspection/Pigging Programs course, June 1-5, 2009, Tulsa, OK., Eric Dalhgren, Fundamentals of System Technology and Operation course, August 25-28, 2008, Oklahoma City, OK., Joel Tierney, Pipeline Reliability Assessment Seminar, June 23-24, 2009, Oklahoma City, OK., Joel Tierney, Root Cause/Incident Investigation course, July 13-17, 2009, Atlanta, GA. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGSON, Chair

KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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