

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, September 10, 2009, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(333) In the matter of TN2448: Fred M Zweifel d/b/a Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9270 for a period of six months, September 14, 2009 to March 14, 2010.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the suspension as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(334) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 31, 2009.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 31, 2009. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Tina Shorten, Consumer Division

(335) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2009.8.107: OSP Rate Caps.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE maximum allowable rates as calculated by commission staff in Docket No. N2009.8.107. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Phil Cooke, Consumer Division

(336) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Medical exception rulemaking:

Commissioner Toole moved to DIRECT staff to file a rulemaking notice with the Secretary of State office with additional edits as presented by staff. Commissioner Vincent seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,  
Utility Division

(337) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.8.95: RFP response to Mill Creek consultant hiring process.

Commissioner Toole moved to PROCEED to review references and conduct a telephonic interview with Vantage Consulting in Docket No. D2008.8.95. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Jergeson and Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Utility Division

(338) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2007.10.114: Applying federal interconnection standards for NorthWestern Energy and MDU.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DIRECT staff to draft a rule proposal notice encompassing the proposed rules subject to minor changes and edits, and transmit the notice to the Secretary of State's office and schedule a hearing in Docket No. N2007.10.114. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,  
Utility Division

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

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE staff travel for Brian DeKiep to attend the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation joint meeting with the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body on November 5 and 6, 2009 in Tempe, AZ. Commissioner Vincent 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 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

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