

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 22, 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

(349) In the matter of N2009.9.120: On September 4, 2009, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 09-04.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE CenturyTel's Advice No. 09-04 in Docket N2009.9.120. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Eric Eck, Utility Division

(350) In the matter of D97.11.219: On September 8, 2009, NorthWestern Energy filed its semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE NorthWestern Energy's requested rate changes for the semi-annual true-up of NorthWestern Energy's Natural Gas Transition Bonds. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(351) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 14, 2009.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 14, 2009. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(352) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.7.94, D2009.7.96, D2009.7.101: Interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Hot Springs Telephone Company and Alltel Communications, LLC Interconnection Agreement in Docket No. D2009.7.94, the Qwest Corporation and Ionex Communication North d/b/a Birch Communications Interconnection Agreement in Docket No. D2009.7.96, and Qwest Corporation and Easton Telecom Services LLC Interconnection Agreement in Docket No. D2009.7.101. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division

(353) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2008.12.144: Qwest quality of service investigation.

Commissioner Vincent moved to ADOPT the draft order subject to minor edits and inclusion of Conclusions of Law in Order No. 6994a in Docket No. N2008.12.144. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(354) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2009.8.110: Annual certification of ETC by letter to the FCC.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the letters and DIRECT staff to file the letters to the FCC and USAC in Docket No. N2009.8.110. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Utility Division

(355) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.8.95: NorthWestern Energy Mill Creek Consultant.

Commissioner Toole moved to ENTER into an agreement with Vantage Consultants with the costs to be borne by NorthWestern Energy in Docket No. D2008.8.95. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Molnar abstained.

APPEARANCE

Brian DeKiep, Utility Division

(356) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2009.4.49: Consideration of Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Commissioner Toole moved to MOVE forward with a workshop (tentatively November 3) in Docket No. N2009.4.49. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

(357) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.9.123 and D2009.9.124: PSC and MCC taxes(fees).

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the orders as drafted by staff in Docket Nos. D2009.9.123 and D2009.9.124. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Privacy Logs for commissioner e-mail requests:

Commissioner Toole moved to RELEASE the e-mails for former Commissioners Raney and Mood and current Commissioner Molnar that were not flagged for privacy and to issue the privacy log to the Lee Newspapers. Commissioner Gutsche 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.

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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