

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 29, 2009, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Gutsche was absent but left her proxy with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE  
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(359) In the matter of N2009.9.118: On September 8, 2009, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 09-04-Network Premises Work Charges-Trenching Charges.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 09-04 in Docket N2009.9.118. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(360) In the matter of T-09.29.PCN: On June 22, 2009, Great Falls Emergency Services, Inc., Great Falls, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to AMEND grant of authority as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(361) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 21, 2009.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 21, 2009. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Joel Tierney, Utility Division  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(362) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.8.106: Havre Pipeline Co., Gas Cost Tracker Rate Decrease.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the draft final order subject to minor editing in Docket No. D2009.8.106. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Eric Dahlgren, Utility Division

(363) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Contracts for Natural Gas Heat Content Monitoring.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE and issue the Contracts for Natural Gas Heat Content BTU monitoring. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(364) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.8.97: Five Valleys Gas Propane gas rate increase.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the interim adjustment as recommended by staff in Docket No. D2008.8.97. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division

(365) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2009.9.122: MDU's 2009 Biennial Integrated Electric Least Cost Plan Filing.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE issuing a notice of filing and commission action in MDU's 2009 Biennial Integrated Electric Least Cost Plan filing in Docket No. N2009.9.122. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(366) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.9.128: Utility Solutions, LLC's request for a partial waiver of ARM 38.5.106.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT Utility Solutions, LLC's request for a partial waiver of ARM 38.5.106 for any filing made prior to January 1, 2010, in Docket No. D2009.9.128. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,  
Utility Division

(367) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of State Travel.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the travel for Steve Cameron to travel to the OMS annual meeting in Carmel, IN on October 13-15 and OMS CARP meeting in Carmel, IN on October 29-30 and December 14-15 and in Chicago on November 18-19, 2009. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Molnar

(368) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Commissioner Molnar's information requests related to MSTI line transition.

Commissioner Molnar moved to REQUEST the governor give information without a charge. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Kim Moran, Utility Division

(369) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AARP complaint against MDU involving gas and electric USB charges.

Commissioner Toole moved to ACCEPT the staff recommendation to not appeal the district court order to the Montana Supreme Court and proceed to schedule a hearing in Docket No. 2006.1.2. 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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