

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 8, 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

(451) In the matter of T-09.41.ST: On October 5, 2009, Dale W. Adams and Shaaron F. Adams d/b/a Plentywood Sanitation Company, Plentywood, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 1602 to Dale W. Adams d/b/a Plentywood Sanitation Company, Plentywood, Montana.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the transfer as requested. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(452) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 30, 2009.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 30, 2009. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(453) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.9.129: NorthWestern Energy application for authority to establish increased natural gas and electric delivery service rates and implement allocated cost of service and rate design proposals, Boulder Valley Petitioner's Petition for Intervention.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT Boulder Valley Petitioners' Petition for Intervention with the Notice of Commission Action explaining that the PSC does not have jurisdiction on siting issues, and to DENY the addition of additional intervenors at this time in Docket No. D2009.9.129. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Utility Division

(454) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC comments to Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee draft comments to ETIC on three energy policy issues (energy, efficiency and conservation).

Commissioner Gutsche moved to SUBMIT the comments as drafted with the amendment recommended by Commissioner Toole. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brian DeKiep, Utility Division
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(455) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northern Tier Transmission Group Biennial Transmission Plan.

Commissioner Toole moved to AFFIRM all three aspects of the 2009 Northern Tier Transmission Group biennial transmission plan. 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.

GREG JERGESON, Chair

KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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