

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 15, 2009, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Jergeson was absent, but left his proxy with Commissioner Toole.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(456) In the matter of TN2457: Brawn, Inc. Helena, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 2278 to Vance Vanderpan dba Greater Valley Taxi, Belgrade, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, January 2, 2010 to January 2, 2011.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 2278, as requested. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(457) In the matter of TN2458: C.B. Geier, Helena, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 3584 to Tiger Express, LLC, Helena, Montana for a twelve month period, December 15, 2009 to December 15, 2010.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 3584, as requested. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(458) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 7, 2009:

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 7, 2009. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(459) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2009.11.147: Qwest Corporation's Motion for Protective Order seeking protection of the list of customers purchasing DSL service in Boulder, Montana.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT the protective order as requested in Docket No. N2009.11.147. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Brian DeKiep, Utility Division

(460) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2009.4.49: PSC consideration of Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 standards, final order:

Commissioner Vincent moved to ADOPT the staff's draft language subject to editing and circulation for comments prior to December 18, 2009 in Docket No. N2009.4.49. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Utility Division

(461) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state staff travel: obtain approval of Brian DeKiep's travel to: (1) Northern Tier Transmission Group Joint Committee meeting, January 28, 2010, Salt Lake City; (2) Western Governors Association, Western Interconnection Resource Planning Forum, February 24-26, 2010, San Diego; and (3) Western Utility Rate School, May 10-14, 2010, San Diego.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Vincent move to APPROVE out of state travel for Brian DeKiep to Northern Tier Transmission Group Joint committee meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on January 28, 2010. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE Brian DeKiep's travel to the Western Governors Association, Western Interconnection Resource Planning Forum in San Diego, CA on February 24-26, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 3: Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE Brian DeKiep's travel to the Western Utility Rate School, in San Diego, California, on May 10-14, 2010. 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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