

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, November 4, 2010, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Toole was absent but left his proxy with Commission Jergeson.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Regulatory Division

(326) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 25, 2010.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 25, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(327) In the matter of D2009.3.44: Qwest has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between the parties in Docket No. D2009.3.44. Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest Corporation and Teleconnect, LLC in Docket No. D2009.3.44. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(328) In the matter of D2006.12.186: Qwest Corp/MCI metro Access Transmission Serv. LLC, Qwest has filed for approval with this Commission an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between the parties in Docket No. D2006.12.186.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest Corporation and MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC in D2006.12.186. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(329) In the matter of D2010.5.55: 360 networks filed a Notice of Withdrawal from the CenturyLink/Qwest merger proceeding, Docket No. D2010.5.55, on October 12, 2010.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the withdrawal of 360networks, Inc., from Docket

No. D2010.5.55. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

(330) In the matter of TN2482: Edward DesRosier d/b/a Sun Tours, East Glacier Park, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9220 for the period November 1, 2010 to May 1, 2011.

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

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren and Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(331) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2010.9.95: Montana Dakota Utilities request for a special permit that modifies the compliance requirements of 49 CFR § 192.285(c).

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE Montana Dakota Utilities request for a special permit that modifies the requirements of 49 CFR § 192.285(c) to allow Montana Dakota Utilities to re-qualify their personnel to each applicable plastic joining procedure at least once each calendar year not to exceed 15 months and direct Commission staff to forward an order contained in a Notice of Commission Action approving the special permit with the staff recommended conditions PHMSA in Docket No. N2010.9.95. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(332) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.6.70: Energy West Montana application for approval of Universal System Benefits Charge.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to DIRECT staff to issue the final order subject to minor editing changes in Docket No. D2010.6.70. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Administrator,
Legal Division

(333) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.5.55: CenturyLink/Qwest merger application. Integra's Motion for Protective Order.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT Integra's motion for protective order in Docket No. D2010.5.55. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator.
Regulatory Division

(334) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of State travel:

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE out of state travel for Bob Decker for the Efficiency Connections Northwest Conference, December 1-2, 2010, Seattle, WA; Brian Dekiep's travel to the State-Provincial Steering Committee meeting on Transmission Planning, on January 11-12, 2011 in San Diego, CA. . Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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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