

Minutes for the week of July 11, 2011

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday July 12, 2011, the following members were present:

Travis Kavulla, Chairman
 Gail Gutsche, Vice Chair
 Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, via telephone
 John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE
 Chairman Kavulla

(291) In the matter of the Commission's minutes for the week of June 20, 2011:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 20, 2011. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
 Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(292) In the matter of N2011.6.55: New Cingular Wireless (AT &T) on May 19, 2011, AT &T filed a Petition for Waiver of the Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 in CC Docket No. 99-200.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the AT&T request for waiver of the FCC Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirements and direct Neustar to issue to AT&T an additional seven 1000 blocks of numbers in the Billings, Montana rate center. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
 Sarah Norcott, Legal Division

(293) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2011.5.41: NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Spion Kop Wind Project, NorthWestern Energy's objection to Invenegy's Motion for General Intervention.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY Invenegy's motion to intervene generally, but allow it the opportunity to file another pleading seeking general intervention pursuant to ARM 38.2.2403 and that it must do so by Friday, July 22nd otherwise its right to re-file is waived. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE
Eric Eck, Regulation Division

(294) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel (1) Joel Tierney and Eric Dahlgren to Kansas City, MO, Sept. 13-14 to attend PHMSA-PL3365 Effectiveness of Public Awareness Programs Seminar; and (2) Brian DeKiep, Salt Lake City, UT, August 9-10, 2011, Scenario Planning Steering Group & Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee meetings.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the out-of-state travel requests. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman

GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair

W. A. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

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