

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 23 2011, the following members were present:

Gail Gutsche, Acting Chair
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner

Commissioner Kavulla was excused, but left his proxy with Acting Chair Gutsche.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(333) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 22, 2011.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 22, 2011. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(334) In the matter of D2008.6.64: Interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest and XO Communications.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest and XO Communications. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division, for Eric Dahlgren

(335) In the matter of TN2507: Montana Tariff Bureau, as agent for Wilson LLC d/b/a/ City Cab, Billings, MT, in an independent action in its Passenger Tariff No. 3, requests fuel surcharge of \$.75 per fare covering the passenger transportation conducted under PSC No. 7489.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the \$.75 per fare surcharge as requested. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(336) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2011.5.43: Qwest Corporation and Broadvox-CLEC, LLC application for approval of Adoption of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Neutral Tandem and Qwest Corporation.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Qwest-Broadvox-CLEC interconnection agreement. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(337) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2011.2.17: Ronan Telephone Company's application for Term Protective Order for protection of confidential forbearance contracts.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Term Protective Order. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Sarah Norcott and Jim Paine, Legal Division

(338) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2011.5.41: NorthWestern Energy's preapproval filing for Spion Kop project.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to DIRECT NorthWestern Energy to re-file testimony of Steven Lewis un-redacted and to re-file exhibits SEL 7, 9, 10 text un-redacted except for dollar figures, percentages and energy estimates remain redacted. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(339) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of State Travel: Travel requests for Joel Tierney and Eric Dahlgren's travel for a required pipeline safety training class in San Jose, CA.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the out of state travel. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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