

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, September 29, 2011, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(373) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 19, 2011.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 19, 2011. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(374) In the matter of D97.11.219: Northwestern Energy's application to reduce the CTC-GP-Credit and the CTC-RA-Credit.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE NWE's application to reduce the CTC-GP-Credit and the CTC-RA-Credit in D97.11.219. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Transportation Division

(375) In the matter of TN2509: Jim's Taxi, Linda Elgin as personal representative of the Estate of James Elgin, requests suspension of PSC No. 9472.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9472. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(376) In the matter of Docket No. N2011.7.65: Northwestern Energy's electric utility line extension tariff reflecting the utility line extension refund period changing from 5 years to 10 years for residential customers.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the filing on an interim basis and issue the notice of commission action and notice of opportunity to comment in Docket No. N2011.7.65. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(377) In the matter of Docket No. N2011.7.65: Havre Pipeline Company, application to decrease rates and charges to its direct rural farmstead customers.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Final Order in Docket No. N2011.7.65. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Chief Legal, Legal Division

(378) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.8.68: Petition to set terms and conditions for a power purchase and sale agreement for the Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC project pursuant to 69-3-301 through 69-3-604, MCA.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE suspending the Procedural Order No. 7167 in Docket No. D2011.8.68. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(379) In the matter of Staff out of state travel.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE Joel Tierney and Mike Dalton's out of state travel. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Travis Kavulla, Chairman

(380) In the matter of Joint letter from Chairman Kavulla and Chairman Terry Murphy of the Legislative Consumer Committee on call termination and routing problems to the FCC.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE sending the joint letter to the FCC. Commissioner Gutsche 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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