

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 18, 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

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(400) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 17, 2011.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 17, 2011. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(401) In the matter of Docket No. N2011.9.84: NorthWestern Energy's application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of Montana Public Service Commission and Montana Consumer Counsel taxes starting October 1, 2011.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE NorthWestern Energy's application. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(402) In the matter of TN2511: Requested suspension of PSC No. 9220 for the period of October 4, 2011 to April 4, 2012.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9220. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(403) In the matter of Motor Carrier Rulemaking: Adopt the proposed amendments and repeal as published.

Chairman Kavulla rescheduled this matter to the October 25, 2011 work session.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(404) In the matter of proposed staff changes in the Regulatory Division: Discuss and act on organizational and salary changes in the Regulatory Division.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE staff's proposed organizational and salary changes. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(405) In the matter of telephone number conservation: Implementing telephone number conservation measures in Montana.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to DIRECT staff to issue a Notice of Inquiry and Request for Comments regarding number conservation and to petition the FCC for Delegation of Authority to implement number conservation measures. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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