

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 1, 2011, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(416) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 24, 2011.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 24, 2011. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(417) In the matter of TN2512: Approve the suspension of PSC No, 9474.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9474. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(418) In the matter of N2011.10.88: Approve Citizens Telecommunications' advice letter No. MT-11-05.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE Citizens' advice letter. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Chief Legal, Legal Division

(419) In the matter of 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 69-3-601 through 69-3-604, MCA.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the revised procedural order. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(420) In the matter of D2008.8.95: Dave Gates Generating Station compliance Filing.

Chairman Kavulla moved to SUSTAIN NWE's objection and ISSUE the draft order. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Scott Fabel, and Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(421) In the matter of D2010.9.90: Energy West general rate case.

Chairman Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue the final order, incorporating the staff recommendations within the circulated draft order and the memorandum on rate design. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(422) In the matter of Out of state staff travel: Obtain approval of Dave Jackson's travel to Vancouver, WA.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the travel request. Commissioner Molnar 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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