

Minutes for the week of December 19, 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, December 20, 2011, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Judy Scheier, Assistant Commission Secretary

(459) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 5, 2011.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 5, 2011. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Molnar did not vote.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(460) In the matter of G & G Garbage, Inc – TN2520: James A Jones d/b/a Oilfield Maintenance Co., Gillette, WY, requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to G & G Garbage, Inc., Baker, MT for a twelve month period, December 28, 2011 to December 28, 2012.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 9297. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(461) In the matter of signature Limousines, Inc – TN2521: Rod Rick d/b/a PS Limo Service, Havre, MT, requests permission to lease PSC No. 9433 to Signature Limousines, Inc., Havre, MT for a six month period December 20, 2011 to June 20, 2012.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No.9433. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(462) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2011.12.97: NorthWestern Energy Property Tax Tracker.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Interim Order. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(463) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2011.11.93: NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource and Community Renewable Energy Project.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's Order as submitted by staff. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Gallagher and Commissioner Molnar dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(464) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of T-11.24.RI: Medicab rate increase request.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the application of Medicab. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Bill Gallagher

(465) In the matter of hiring a private investigator to look at a motor carrier issue.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to use a max of \$500.00 for investigation of motor carrier issues on a trial basis.

Commissioner Gallagher withdrew his work session request.

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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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