

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(466) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 19, 2011.

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

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(467) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.12.99: NorthWestern Energy's requested adjustment to its BPA Residential exchange credit.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE NorthWestern Energy's requested adjustment to the BPA residential exchange credit effective January 1, 2012. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(468) In the matter of TN2522: Wilson LLC d/b/a City Cab, Billings Montana, requests that fuel surcharge granted on November 21, 2011 be cancelled.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the cancellation of the fuel surcharge. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(469) In the matter of TN2523: Brawn Inc., request for continued lease of PSC No. 2278 to Vance Vanderpan d/b/a Greater Valley Taxi, Belgrade, Montana.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 2278. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(470) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.5.40: John Claypool d/b/a Madison Laundry and Cleaners, Inc. formal complaint against NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the settlement and dismiss the complaint. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(471) In the matter of Docket No. D2010.10.99: iSmart Mobile, LLC application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier.

MOTION 1: Chairman Kavulla moved to GRANT the extension of time to object to data requests. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 2: Chairman Kavulla moved to OVERRULE the objection to data requests and DIRECT staff to issue an Order to iSmart to comply with the data requests. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Commissioner Gallagher
Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(472) In the matter of a limited trial use of funds for the purpose of contracting qualified investigative services.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the request for authorization of \$500 for a limited trial use of funds by the Director of Transportation for the purpose of contracting qualified investigative services in varied circumstances. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Chairman Kavulla dissenting.

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(473) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.12.98: MDU rate 35 tracker.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Interim Order No. 7195. 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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