

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 23, 2012, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Molnar was excused, and left his proxy with Commissioner Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(45) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 13, 2012

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 13, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(46) In the matter of D2007.7.79: MDU's request for a Notice of Commission Action that the sunset provision in paragraph 12 of the stipulation filed in Docket D2007.7.79 has been satisfied, and that the fuel and purchase power tracking adjustment contained in Rate 35 and 58 have been extended beyond December 31, 2011.

Chairman Kavulla moved to GRANT MDU's request that paragraph 12 of the stipulation filed in Docket D2007.7.79 has been satisfied, and that the fuel and purchase power tracking adjustment contained in Rate 35 and 58 have been extended beyond December 31, 2011. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(47) In the matter of TN2525: Vance Vanderpan dba Greater Valley Taxi motion for reconsideration.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DENY the motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(48) In the matter of Career ladders for Rate Analysts, Policy Analysts, & Attorneys.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the career ladders as proposed. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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In attendance: Dennis Lopach, Aleisha Solem and Chairman Kavulla

APPEARANCE

(49) In the matter of the Commission's Blue Book Meeting.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DIRECT staff to develop a three component draft of the blue book to include an employee manual, policy/Commissioner manual, and Department manual to be reviewed by the Blue Book Committee. Commissioner Gallagher 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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