

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 15, 2012, 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

(64) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 5, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 5, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(65) In the matter of Docket No. D97.11.219: NorthWestern Energy's final semi-annual true-up advice letter.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE NorthWestern Energy's requested expiration of the Natural Gas Tariff Schedules associated with FTA charges and the CTC-GP-Credit rates are set to zero on March 15, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Tina Shorten, Consumer Division

(66) In the matter of the FCC's recent Lifeline Reform Order.

Chairman Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a notice to eligible telecommunications carriers requesting comments and DIRECT staff at their discretion to hold a roundtable regarding implementation. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(67) In the matter of FCC's recent Lifeline Reform Order.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Vincent moved to DIRECT staff to file comments responding to the petition to the FCC of the US Telecom Association., et al., for waiver and clarification of the

recent Lifeline Reform Order. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Vincent moved to DIRECT staff to file a petition with the FCC for waiver until June 2013 of the elements of the Order due to conflicts with Montana law. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(68) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.12.105: Denbury Green Pipeline-Montana, LLC's notice of acceptance of Title 69, Chapter 13 and Application for Recognition as a common carrier pipeline.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT Denbury's Green Pipeline's recognition as a common carrier pipeline. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(69) In the matter of Albert L. Guay III dba Sunset Limousine Service's late petition for intervention as a protestant in docket T-12.2.PCN.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the late intervention as a protestant in T-12.2.PCN. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(70) In the matter of Out of State Staff Travel:

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE Joel Tierney's travel to the Western Region NAPSR meeting. 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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