

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Gallagher was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Molnar

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(112) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 9, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 9, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(113) In the matter of Docket No. N2012.2.17: Proposed adoption of new rules regarding electric line extension tariffs.

Commissioner Vincent moved to ACCEPT staff's recommendation to hold off on the rulemaking and await NorthWestern Energy's filing to REVERT its electric line extension tariff to the previous pre-2011 tariff. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 1. Commissioner Molnar dissenting. Commissioner Gallagher abstained by proxy.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Service Division

(114) In the matter of Fiscal Year consulting funds for an IT project.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DIRECT staff to put out a bid request and enter into a contract to rewrite the PSC website and intranet in ASP.NET. Chairman Kavulla 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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