

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 24, 2012, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Judy Scheier, Assistant Commission Secretary

(115) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 16, 2012:

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the minutes from the week of April 16, 2012. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(116) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.3.30: On March 21, 2012, Black Hills Power, Inc. filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT Black Hills Power, Inc. Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(117) In matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2012.3.31: The Petition of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Certification of the Silver Sage Wind Farm as an Eligible Renewable Resource.

Commissioner Molnar moved to CERTIFY the Silver Sage Wind Farm as an eligible renewable resource. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(118) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of TN2537: Montana Tariff Bureau, as agent, fuel surcharge requested on behalf of Willson, LLC dba City Cab.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the proposed fuel surcharge. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission Committee on the Blue Book held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the following members were present:

Gail Gutsche, Chair
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner

In attendance were Commissioners Travis Kavulla and Brad Molnar.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach and Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Judy Scheier, Assistant Commission Secretary

(119) Blue Book Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Vincent moved to have staff OBTAIN three examples of operational manuals from other elected Commissions available to the committee and to proceed in producing a draft of a condensed Blue Book within the next two weeks. 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:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

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