

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(129) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 1, 2012.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 1, 2012. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(130) In the matter of Docket No. N2012.4.46: CenturyLink filed transmittal 12-03.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE CenturyLink's transmittal 12-03. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Regulatory Division

(131) In the matter of T-12.4.ST: Jim's Taxi's application for transfer of PSC No. 9472 to Iron Eagle Transportation, LLC.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 9472. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(132) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.9.78: Energy West Montana's gas tracker.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the final order subject to minor non-substantive text changes. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(133) In the matter of Docket No. D2011.9.76: Energy West Montana's application for approval of the collections and disbursement of its universal system benefits account and for increasing the existing universal system benefits charge from \$0.00771 to \$0.00843 per CCF.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application and final order. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Molnar and Gallagher dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(134) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.3.20: Energy West Inc.'s application for waiver of ring-fencing requirements and for authorization to engage in financing transactions.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the motion for protective order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(135) In the matter of Williamson v. PSC: Discuss remand order from District Court.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE amendments to the complaint and REQUIRE NorthWestern Energy to respond to the complaint. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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