

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 15 2012, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(136) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 7, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 7, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(137) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.1.3: The application of NorthWestern Energy for approval of avoided cost tariff for new qualifying facilities.

Chairman Kavulla moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's motion for Protective Order in part and DENY in part subject to minor non-substantive changes. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(138) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.1.3: The application of NorthWestern Energy for approval of avoided cost tariff for new qualifying facilities.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT the motion for Protective Order subject to minor non-substantive changes. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar dissenting.

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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