

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, the following members were present:

Gail Gutsche, Vice Chair
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner via phone
John Vincent, Commissioner

Chairman Kavulla was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Vincent

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(279) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 17, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 17, 2012. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(280) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.9.95: Mountain Water Company's application for power cost tracking adjustment.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to IMPLEMENT the rate change simultaneously with the rate change in the rate case. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(281) In the matter of Docket No. D2010.10.99: iSmart Mobile, LLC's application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Commissioner Vincent moved to CANCEL the tentative hearing date of October 10th and reschedule the hearing for late November. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(282) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's application for

approval of 1) deferred cost account balances for electricity supply, CU4 variable costs/credits, and DGGS variable costs/credits; and 2) projected electricity supply cost rates, CU4 variable rates, and DGGS variable rates.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT NWE's motion for protective order. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(283) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of 1) deferred cost account balances for electricity supply, CU4 variable costs/credits, and DGGS variable costs/credits; and 2) projected electricity supply cost rates, CU4 variable rates, and DGGS variable rates.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to GRANT Powerex's motion for protective order with minor non substantive changes. Commissioner Vincent 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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