

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 16, 2012, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(292) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 8, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 8, 2012. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(293) In the matter of Docket No. T-12.14.PCN: R 'n' R Stagelines, Inc.'s application for certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE closing the docket and processing refunds to the parties. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(294) In the matter of Docket No. D2010.9.90: Energy West Montana's negotiated contract compliance filing.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the contract rates and adjustments to traditional tariff rates. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(295) In the matter of consolidated dockets D2010.4.39/D2012.4.38: Montana Dakota Utilities' natural gas conservation program tracking mechanism Rate 90.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the proposed rates. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(296) In the matter of Docket No. N2011.8.70: Montana Dakota Utilities' integrated resource plan.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the draft comments with an addition to number 12 to read, "MDU should inform the Commission when it determines that significant upgrades to plants are needed rather than waiting until the 2013 IRP." Commissioner Gallagher 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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