

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, November 1, 2012, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(306) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 22, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 22, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Michael Dalton, Regulatory Division

(307) In the matter of Docket No's, D2012.7.76, D2012.10.102, and D2012.10.103: Proposed Interconnection agreements.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements between CenturyLink and Access Point in Docket No. D2012.7.76, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative and WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless in Docket No. D2012.10.102, and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative and AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2012.10.103. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(308) In the matter of Docket No. D2010.9.93: Wettington Water's application for authority to permanently increase rates for water service.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bob Decker, Regulatory Division
Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(309) In the matter of Docket No. D2008.8.95: NorthWestern Energy's request for clarification regarding the carbon offset program.

Staff and Commissioners discussed the staff memo and the draft Notice of Commission Action. Chairman Kavulla asked to defer the work session to the next business meeting of Friday November 9, 2012; no objections were made by the Commission.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(310) In the matter of Revised Organizational Rule.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the rule and organizational chart. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(311) In the matter of the Contracts for Natural Gas Heat Content (BTU) Monitoring.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE and ISSUE the contracts as drafted. Commissioner Gutsche 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 Thursday, November 1, 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

Aleisha Solem, Commission/Legal Secretary
Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(312) Blue Book Committee meeting:

Discussion of the Commission and Department/Employee Manual. Staff was asked to bring the final revised version back to the Committee in two weeks.

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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