

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 15, 2012, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(323) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 5, 2012.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 5, 2012. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(324) In the matter of D2012.10.112: MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application for authority to issue \$150,000,000 of short-term financing over a two year period ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE MDU's application. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Eric Eck, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(325) In the matter of D2011.6.45: NorthWestern Energy's examination of the feasibility of extending natural gas to the customers in Townsend, MT.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE NWE's and MCC's conclusion that it is not economical to extend natural gas service to Townsend and that further investigation of the topic is no longer necessary. Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Leroy Beeby, and Eric Eck, Regulatory Division
Dennis Lopach, Administrator, Legal Division

(326) In the matter of D2012.3.25: NorthWestern Energy's application to place the Battle Creek natural gas production resources in rate base and to recover associated expenses.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the draft final order with Chairman Kavulla's edits. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Gallagher
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(327) In the matter of Potential PSC legislation: Consider/approve draft bill to amend Section 73-3-622, MCA, to address subdivision developments that include small water and/or wastewater utility systems.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(328) In the matter of T-12.16.PCN: Green Taxi LLC's application to expand the scope of operating authority.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to DENY Green Taxi's motion to dismiss Yellow Cab's protest. Commissioner Gallagher 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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