

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 4, 2012, the following members were present:

Travis Kavulla, Chairman
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner via phone

Commissioner Gutsche was excused and left her proxy with Chairman Kavulla.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(342) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 26, 2012.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 26, 2012. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(343) In the matter of TN2553: Shorty's Shuttle, LLC's request for cancellation of PSC No. 9474.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the cancellation as requested. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(344) In the matter of N2012.11.117: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s application requesting authorization to continue to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s request in Docket No. N2012.11.117. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(345) In the matter of N2012.11.115: Central Montana Communications requested modifications to its Reduce trunk hunt charges, consolidate several of the non-recurring charges, add the bundle upgrade pricing for exceed services, reduce the charge for additional listing for business, and reduce the charge for non-listed numbers.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the request for modifications. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(346) In the matter of N2012.11.119: Ronan Telephone Company: Ronan Telephone Company proposed amendments to its Section 6.1 Access Service Tariff.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE Ronan Telephone Company's request. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(347) In the matter of N2012.11.120: Ronan Telephone Company's proposed amendments to its lifeline tariffs. In the matter of N2012.11.121: Hot Springs Telephone Company's proposed amendments to its lifeline tariffs.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE Ronan Telephone Company's proposed amendments. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE Hot Springs Telephone Company's proposed amendments. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dennis Lopach, Legal Division Administrator

(348) In the matter of Docket No. D2012.9.92: Larry Schuster v. NorthWestern Energy.

Chairman Kavulla moved to DENY NorthWestern Energy's motion to dismiss and to ISSUE a NCA communicating the limitation of our subject matter jurisdiction. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(349) In the matter of the FERC Order No. 1000, MISO Compliance Filing.

Commissioner Molnar moved to ACCEPT the comments of OMS with the exception of number 2 and 4 and the capacity to pass the project to another contractor. Chairman Kavulla 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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