

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 3, 2013, 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

(380) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 20, 2012.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 20, 2012. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(381) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE John Torske's travel to Oklahoma City, OK for the Safety Evaluation of Gas Pipeline Systems course January 28-February 1, 2013. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(382) In the matter of N2012.12.128: Central Montana Communications' request to modify its tariffs.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the request. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(383) In the matter of TN2556: Bowker Sanitation LLP's 2011 verified statement.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the verified statement. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(384) In the matter of TN2557: Dick Irvin, Inc.'s request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9392.

Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 9392. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(385) In the matter of TN2558: Medical Transportation Services d/b/a Northern Cheyenne Board of Health's request to lease PSC No. 9413 to Lame Deer Health Center.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 9413. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(386) In the matter of D2011.1.2: Five Valleys Gas True-up filing for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Default Order. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(387) In the matter of D2008.10.123: HLH, LLC's application to implement increased rates for water and wastewater service in its Big Sky, Montana service area.

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

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(388) In the matter of D2012.9.94: NorthWestern Energy's application for authority to establish increased natural gas delivery service rates and allocated cost of service and rate design.

Commissioner Vincent moved to OVERRULE NWE's objections to LCG-018, LCG-033, LCG-034, PSC-073a, PSC-074a, PSC-075b, PSC-086, PSC-087, PSC-110a, and PSC-118, requiring NWE to respond to the pending data requests within seven days. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chair

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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