

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 28, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(64) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 18, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 18, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(65) In the matter of four interconnection agreements: 1) Qwest dba CenturyLink - D2004.9.149; 2) Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC –D2001.1.7; 3) Project Telephone Company – D2008.7.87; and 4) Nemont Telephone Cooperative – D2008.7.89.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Talk America in Docket No. D2004.9.149; moved to APPROVE the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McCleodUSA Telecommunications Services dba PAETEC Business Services in Docket D2001.1.7; moved to APPROVE Project Telephone Company and New Cingular dba AT&T in Docket No. D2008.7.87; and moved to APPROVE the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility in Docket No. D2008.7.89. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(66) In the matter of D2012.6.65 – NorthWestern Energy Motion to Consolidate.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to CONSOLIDATE the Docket D2012.6.65 with the previously consolidated dockets. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bob Decker, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(67) In the matter of D2008.8.85 – NorthWestern Energy application for approval to construct and operate the Dave Gates Generating Station. – NWE’s Motion for Extension to File Revised Carbon Offset Plan.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE a 45 day extension to file a revised carbon offset plan. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman voted no.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(68) In the matter of DV-03-10080- Whitehall Wind Judicial Review - for an update to the Commission on the status of the Whitehall Wind judicial review and to receive Commission direction as necessary.

No motion was made.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(69) In the matter of Legislative Bills relative to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns.

No motion was made.

APPEARANCE

Chairman Gallagher
PSC Commission Secretary

(70) Chief Legal Position – discuss terms of an offer to a candidate for the Chief Legal position.

Chairman Gallagher made the motion to MOVE to Executive Session. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to OFFER the position to the first choice candidate of the interview processes at a salary within the band that was advertised, contingent on an acceptable criminal background check. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 1, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner via telephone
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner via telephone
Roger Koopman, Commissioner via telephone

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(71) In the matter of D2012.7.81 – Mountain Water Company for authority to increase rates and charges for water service to its Missoula, MT customers – change the procedural schedule to move the deadline for Mountain Water rebuttal testimony and written discovery to Wednesday, March 6th; and to move the deadline for Mountain Water responses to written discovery about its rebuttal testimony and intervenors' responses to written discovery about cross-intervenor response testimony to March 11th.

Commissioner Koopman moved to ACCEPT staff's recommendation. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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