

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 12, 2013, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(82) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 5, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 5, 2013. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(83) In the matter of Out of State Staff travel.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Brian DeKiep and David Lofftus to attend the EUCI Energy Imbalance Markets in the Northwest conference in Portland, OR March 27-28, 2013. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(84) In the matter of T-13.1.PCN: Montana Trolley Co., Inc.'s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT the application of Montana Trolley Co., Inc. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(85) In the matter of TN2569: Fred M. Zweifel d/b/a Circle Z Enterprises request for continuation of the suspension of PSC No. 9270 for the period of March 16, 2013 to May 11, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the request. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(86) In the matter of N2013.1.8: PSC input to price cap carrier 5 year broadband buildout plans.

Chairman Gallagher moved to DIRECT staff to compile a list of pockets of customers unserved by broadband and to OPEN discussions with CenturyLink and other carriers if necessary about including broadband to those unserved areas in their 5 year plans funded by federal high cost support.. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(87) In the matter of D2012.7.81: Mountain Water Company general rate case.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the interim order subject to non-substantive edits. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(88) In the matter of D2013.1.4: Energy West Montana's application to make interim adjustments final and to reconcile an over-collection of gas costs.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the MCC's motion for late intervention. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(89) In the matter of D2013.1.5: Energy West Montana's application for approval of the reconciliation of its Universal System Benefits account.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the MCC's motion for late intervention. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(90) In the matter of Legislative bills relevant to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns.

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Commissioner Koopman moved to OPPOSE SB 153 and RECOMMENDING to the house committee tabling the bill.

The motion was withdrawn.

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:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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