

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on May 21, 2013, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Kavulla was excused and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(157) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 7, 2013.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 7, 2013. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(158) In the matter of Out of State Staff Travel.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Brenda Elias and Justin Kraske to attend the Annual National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys in San Francisco, California June 16-19, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(159) In the matter of D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's 2011-2012 electric supply tracker.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE changing the date the hearing commences to June 11, 2013. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(160) In the matter of T-12.5.PCN: Paul LeGros dba A-Cab Taxi's application for a Montana Intrastate certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(161) In the matter of D2010.10.99: iSmart Mobile, LLC's application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Elias, Legal Division
Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(162) In the matter of D2013.5.31: NorthWestern Energy's application for propane cost account balance and rate adjustment for Townsend propane supply.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Interim Order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Elias, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(163) In the matter of D2013.3.18: Valley Water System's application for initial rates.

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

APPEARANCE

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

(164) In the matter of D2012.5.48: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of unreflected gas cost account balance for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2012 and projected gas cost tracking for the 12-month period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013, and gas transportation adjustment clause balance as of April 30, 2012.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(165) In the matter of N2012.12.125: NorthWestern Energy's 2012 natural gas biennial procurement plan.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the comments with the discussed changes to paragraph 33. Commissioner Koopman 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:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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