

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 18, 2013, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(181) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 10, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 10, 2013. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(182) In the matter of N2013.6.43: CenturyTel tariff transmittal 13-04.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the tariff transmittal. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(183) In the matter of TN2580: Plentywood Sanitation Company's request to lease PSC No. 1602.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 1602. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(184) In the matter of D2013.5.34: NorthWestern Energy's annual application for approval of unreflected gas cost account balance, projected gas cost, and gas transportation adjustment.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Interim Order subject to non-substantive changes with a sentence inserted that requires the establishment of new rates depending on the outcomes in the final order in D2012.5.49. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(185) In the matter of D2013.5.33: NorthWestern Energy's 2013 electric tracker.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Interim Order with staff's recommended edits and with a sentence inserted that requires the establishment of new rates depending on the outcomes in the final order in D2012.5.49. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division
Angie Hall, Centralized Services Division

(186) In the matter of Exempt staff pay raises.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the 3% increase in base pay effective during the pay period that includes July 1, 2013 and a 5% increase in base pay effective during the pay period that includes November 15, 2014 for the exempt staff except Justin Post who is directed to negotiate with the Commission. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division
Angie Hall, Centralized Services Division

(187) In the matter of State fiscal years 2014 and 2015 travel allocations.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the travel allocations. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(188) In the matter of Hydrodynamics, Montana Marginal Energy, and WINData's FERC petition for declaratory order/enforcement.

Chairman Gallagher moved to DIRECT staff to vigorously defend the Commission's position, hire outside counsel if necessary, and communicate with NARUC and the Attorney General regarding their involvement in the matter. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which

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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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