

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 25, 2013, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(189) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 17, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 17, 2013. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(190) In the matter of TN2581: Red Lodge Tour & Taxi's request to lease PSC No. 9462.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 9462. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(191) In the matter of D2011.1.4, D2010.9.96, and D2007.2.20: CenturyLink's request for approval of amendments to existing interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the amendment to the interconnection agreements between CenturyLink and Verizon Wireless, CenturyLink and dishNET Wireline, LLC f/k/a Liberty-Bell Telecom, and CenturyLink and Greenfly Networks. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(192) In the matter of D2013.6.49: Montana Dakota Utilities' purchase power cost tracking adjustment Rate 58.

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

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(193) In the matter of D2013.4.30: Qwest dba CenturyLink's application for approval of the interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(194) In the matter of D2013.6.42: NorthWestern Energy's BPA residential exchange credit adjustment.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE NWE's request to adjust its BPA residential exchange credit and DIRECTED staff to process the tariffs. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

Will Rosquist and Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(195) In the matter of D2013.6.44: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of the 2013 avoided cost compliance filing-QFLT-1.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interim rate adjustment and waive the notice requirement. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Elias, Legal Division

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(196) In the matter of N2013.4.27: CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Qwest dba CenturyLink's July 1, 2013 reduction to transitional intrastate service rates.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the protective orders requested by CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Qwest dba CenturyLink. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(197) In the matter of N2013.4.27: Ronan Telephone Company, Hot Springs Telephone Company, Central Montana Communications, Project Telephone Company, Lincoln Telephone Company, Southern Montana Telephone Company, Frontier Communications, CenturyTel dba CenturyLink, Qwest dba CenturyLink's July 1, 2013 reduction to transitional intrastate access service rates.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE on a final basis the transitional intrastate access service tariffs for Central Montana Communications, Project Telephone Company, Lincoln Telephone Company, Southern Montana Telephone Company, Frontier Communications, CenturyTel dba CenturyLink, and Qwest dba CenturyLink and to APPROVE on an interim basis the transitional intrastate access tariff for Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone Company. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE staff's suggested language for the order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Kavulla
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Gary Duncan and Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(198) In the matter of D2012.10.110: Budget Mobile's wireless lifeline only ETC certification petition.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a notice of additional issues, suspend the Procedural Schedule, hold a scheduling conference, reissue the Procedural Schedule after the scheduling conference is held, DIRECT staff to bifurcate and form an advisory and advocacy staff, and AUTHORIZE staff to hire a consultant at their discretion not to exceed \$20,000. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(199) In the matter of the end of biennium expenditures.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the end of biennium expenditures that were recommended by staff. 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:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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