

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 29, 2013, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Koopman was excused, and left his proxy with Commissioner Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(292) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 21, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 21, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(293) In the matter of D2013.9.67: Black Hills Power's quarterly fuel rate rider application.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Quarterly fuel rate rider application. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(294) In the matter of T-13.24.PCN: Alvis Miller dba University Movers' application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

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

APPEARANCE

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

(295) In the matter of D2010.6.60: North Star Planned Unit Development's application to implement initial charges and rated in the North Star Subdivision Service Area. Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the motion for an extension of time to 60 days after the adoption of the new water rules, North Star must file under the new operating ratio

methodology; if the adoption of the new water rules does not occur, North Star must file a general rate case by June 1, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(296) In the matter of NWE's pending 2013 resource plan and application for approval to acquire hydroelectric generating plants from PPL Montana.

Commissioner Lake moved to DIRECT staff to initiate a process to hire a consultant on portfolio cost modeling and planned capital expenditures. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(297) In the matter of MAR Notice No. 38-5-218 pertaining to qualifying facilities.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the notice, subject to edits and DIRECTED staff to submit the adoption notice and the Economic Impact Study (EIS) summary to the Secretary of State for adoption with a statement that the full version of the EIS is available at the Commission offices. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division  
Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(298) In the matter of D2013.7.57: Devon Gas Corporation and Havre Pipeline Company, LLC's application for a Declaratory Ruling or for Approval of the Proposed Sale of Ownership Interests.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the order declining to issue a Declaratory Ruling. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Final Order with non-substantive edits, and an additional sentence as discussed to the Order section. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(299) In the matter of D2013.7.56: Havre Pipeline Company LLC's application to increase rates and charges to its direct rural farmstead customers.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a notice of additional issues, subject to Commission comments, and AMEND the procedural schedule. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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