

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 26, 2013, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(317) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 18, 2013.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 18, 2013. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(318) In the matter of Out of State staff travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE Scott Fabel's travel to the meeting of NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting & Finance, March 16-20, 2014 in Jacksonville, FL, and David Lofftus' travel to the Scenario Planning Study Group meeting, December 16-17, 2013 in Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(319) In the matter of N2013.11.79: CenturyLink's tariff transmittal 13-05.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE tariff transmittal 13-02. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(320) In the matter of D2013.10.72 & D2013.10.73: Montana Dakota Utilities' application seeking authority to continue to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE MDU's request to continue to accumulate the

under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(321) In the matter of TN2593: Jeff Venhaus & Char Schulz Venhaus d/b/a Venhaus & Sons' request to lease PSC No. 2938 to Ethan Lindell & Drake Burch d/b/a E & D's Garbage Service from November 26, 2013 to May 26, 2014.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 2938. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(322) In the matter of D2013.9.65: Hiland Crude LLC's application for recognition as a Common Carrier Pipeline.

Commissioner Bushman moved to GRANT Hiland Crude recognition as a common carrier pipeline. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division  
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division  
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(323) In the matter of N2013.10.74: NorthWestern Energy's intent to file an application regarding the purchase of PPL Montana's hydroelectric generation facilities in Montana. Obtain direction regarding issuing an RFP for engineering consultant services related to assessing NWE's due diligence efforts on the hydro facilities, including projected future capital and O&M costs.

Discussion only, no action taken.

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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