

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 3, 2013, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(324) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 25, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 25, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Elizabeth Kamback, Regulatory Division

(325) In the matter of N2013.11.81: NorthWestern Energy's request to approve a thermal zone boundary change.

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

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(326) In the matter of TN2594: Flathead Glacier Transportation LLC's request for suspension of PSC No. 9015 from November 22, 2013 to May 22, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Regulatory Division

(327) In the matter of Out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Elizabeth Kamback, Joel Tierney and John Torske for the required pipeline safety training throughout 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(328) In the matter of D2012.3.33: Energy West Montana's monthly gas cost tracking application for the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

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

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(329) In the matter of N2013.5.32: 2013 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, discuss and act on the motions for Protective Orders from West River and Reservation.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY the motions for Protective Orders. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan and Michael Dalton, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(330) In the matter of D2013.11.80: Commnet Wireless, LLC's application for conditional designation as an ETC for the purposes of participating in the Federal Communications Commission's tribal mobility fund phase 1 auction.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Final Order with non-substantive edits. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to AMEND the motion with the inclusion of a new paragraph 40 and ordering section as discussed. Commission Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to AMEND the motion with the inclusion of changes to paragraph 38 as discussed. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

The main motion as amended passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE
Commissioner Kavulla

(331) In the matter of submitting comments to the Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Advisory Council.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE the letter as discussed. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Commissioner Lake

(332) In the matter of the waiver of the Commission's policy on live signatures.

Commissioner Lake moved to WAIVE the Commission's internal policy on live signatures for the Commnet Final Order and the Sage-grouse letter. Commissioner Kavulla 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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