

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 17, 2014, 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

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(46) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of the acquisition of PPL Montana LLC's hydroelectric generating facilities in Montana.

MAIN MOTION: Chairman Gallagher moved to SUSTAIN all the objections to data requests related to New Analysis (PSC-015c, PSC-034, PSC-041, PSC-055d, PSC-055e, MCC-003a, MCC-003b, MCC-005, MC-080, and MCC-091). Commissioner Lake seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to AMEND the motion, OVERRULING MCC-003a, 003b, 005, 080, and 091, and to FIND PSC-034 moot. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which failed 2-3. Commissioners Gallagher, Lake, and Bushman dissenting.

The main motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Kavulla and Koopman dissenting.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to SUSTAIN PSC-100b, OVERRULE PSC-100c, FIND moot PSC-100d, and FIND PSC-022, PSC-036a, PSC-036b, and PSC-043a not ripe. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Chairman Gallagher moved to FIND PSC-003b, c, and d moot; OVERRULE PSC-066, PSC-68 b and d, PSC-090a, PSC-092a, b, and d, PSC-093a and c, SUSTAIN PSC-084 c and d, PSC-086e, and FIND MCC-011 moot. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to AMEND the motion, OVERRULING PSC-087 a, b, c, and d. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Gallagher and Bushman dissenting.

The main motion as amended 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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(47) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 13, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 13, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(48) In the matter of Out of State Staff Travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Jason Brown March 18-19, 2014 to Worcester, MA to attend the hydropower re-licensing conference. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(49) In the matter of D2013.12.90 and D2013.12.91: CenturyLink and Onvoy Inc.'s application for approval of the adoption of the terms of the wireline interconnection agreements between Onvoy, Inc. and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, and CenturyLink QC and Wide Voice, LLC's application for approval of the adoption of the terms of the wireline interconnection agreements between Wide Voice, LLC and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division
Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(50) In the matter of N2013.4.29: The PSC's investigation into electric and natural gas universal system benefits programs and funding.

Commissioner Lake moved to ISSUE the report adding LRAM regarding utility specific dockets to the administrative options portion. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(51) In the matter of the Amendment of ARM 38.2.5031 pertaining to Public Utility Executive Compensation.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the adoption of option number 2 and DIRECTED staff to file the notice with the Secretary of State's office, as well, CIRCULATE a clarification memo to staff. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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