

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 12, 2014, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(211) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 4, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 4, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(212) In the matter of T-14.8.PCN: Blake R. Beecher d/b/a Cinderella's Chauffeur's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the grant of authority to Cinderella's Chauffeur. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan and Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(213) In the matter of the FCC's identification of census blocks which are eligible for CAF Phase II funding in Montana.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to submit a form 505 challenging the blocks and SUBMIT a letter to the survey respondents. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(214) In the matter of N2014.4.45: 2014 annual certification of Montana ETCs.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY the motions for protective orders. Commissioner Lake

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(215) In the matter of N2014.4.45: 2014 annual certification of Montana ETCs.

Commissioner Lake moved to RESCIND the protective order for Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. with an effective date of September 1, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Unit

(216) In the matter of CenturyLink repair service quality.

Chairman Gallagher moved to REQUIRE CenturyLink to file a detailed repair service improvement plan within 2 months, containing detailed plans to achieve clearing 90% of out of service reports within 24 hours, and to REQUIRE CenturyLink to begin monthly reporting of out of service reports within 24 hours beginning with August 2014 results. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(217) In the matter of D2013.5.33: NorthWestern Energy's 2012-2013/ 2013-2014 Electricity Supply trackers.

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(218) In the matter of the Community Renewable Energy Project laws.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE Chairman Gallagher telling ETIC the Commission has no substantive changes and continues to support the repeal of the law. Commissioner Bushman 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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