

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 19, 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

(219) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 11, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 11, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(220) In the matter of N2014.8.71: Citizens Telecommunications' Advice Letter No. MT-14-09.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE Advice Letter No. MT-14-09. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(221) In the matter of T-14-19.PCN TA: Nelson Studios LLC's request for extension of temporary authority to November 19, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to EXTEND the temporary authority until September 20, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(222) In the matter of T-14.17.ST: Billings Collision Repair, Inc. dba Red Lodge Tour & Taxi's application to transfer PSC No. 9462 to JoJo Tobias LLC dba Red Lodge Tour & Taxi.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 9462. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(223) In the matter of D2011.10.89: Telephone number conservation.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT staff the authority to exempt certain number blocks from number pooling requirements. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(224) In the matter of D2012.3.20: Energy West Incorporated's application for limited waiver of certain ring-fencing requirements in Order 6960a and for authorization to engage in financing transactions.

Commissioner Lake moved to DIRECT staff to initiate a District Court proceeding against Energy West for violating a Commission Order, and DIRECTED Energy West to reduce the up-streaming of dividends from Energy West Montana to Energy West Incorporated by \$25,000 monthly, maintain \$11.2 million for Energy West Montana's usage, and follow the long term proposal as outlined in staff's memo including a status update. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(225) In the matter of D2013.5.33 and D2014.5.46: NorthWestern Energy's 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 electricity supply tracker.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT intervention to the Sierra Club and the Montana Environmental Information Center. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Gallagher and Bushman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(226) In the matter of D2014.1.5: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of avoided cost tariff for new qualifying facilities.

Commissioner Lake moved to DEFER this work session and the work session on EL13-73 until the September 18, 2014 business meeting. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Kavulla abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(227) In the matter of D2014.4.43: NorthWestern Energy's petition to set contract terms and conditions for Greenfield Wind, LLC.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT the motion to compel, DIRECTED staff to vacate the hearing scheduled for August 29, 2014 and amend the procedural order that shall coincide with Docket No. D2014.1.5, with a final decision in this docket to be issued by the end of the year, and DIRECTED parties to use an informal process to allow Greenfield access to the PowerSimm model. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Koopman abstaining.

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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