

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 27, 2014, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Kavulla was excused after work session number 234, and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(228) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 18, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 18, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(229) In the matter of D2007.2.18: MTPCS (Cellular One)'s notice of relinquishment of designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the MTPCS ETC relinquishment effective September 30, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(230) In the matter of TN2618: Dale W. Adams dba Plentywood Sanitation Company's request to continue the lease of PSC No. 1602 to Lonnie J. Johnson dba Plentywood Sanitation. Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 1602. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda, Transportation Unit

(231) In the matter of T-14.9.PCN: The Sober Chauffeur LLC's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Chairman Gallagher moved to WITHDRAW the application and CLOSE the docket as

requested. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(232) In the matter of N2014.7.66: Indian Springs Ranch Water and Sewer's application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the initial rates as requested. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(233) In the matter of T-14.1.PCN: Ilan Henry Kaufmann d/b/a Suave Sedan's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Bushman moved to GRANT the authority as a Class B charter only certificate, with the restriction of operating only one vehicle. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-2. Commissioners Gallagher and Lake abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(234) In the matter of the 2017 Biennial Budget.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the 2016/2017 budget. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston and Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(235) In the matter of D2013.9.71: Complaint of Shoshone Condominium Hotels Owners Association v. Abaco Energy Services, LLC.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT the request to take judicial notice of Shoshone's complaint against Boyne USA, Inc. in the 18th Judicial District Court. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(236) In the matter of Agency document processing function.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the reorganization of one of the administrative support staff positions from the Regulatory Division to the Centralized Services Division. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(237) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel for Robin Arnold to attend The Basics in Albuquerque, NM October 12-17, 2014. 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

BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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