

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 23, 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

(252) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 15, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 15, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Elizabeth Kamback to the distribution integrity management program training October 15-17, 2014 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(254) In the matter of N2014.8.77: Williams Water Works' application to increase rates under the simplified regulatory treatment options for small water and sewer companies.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the application. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division  
Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(255) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application to purchase and

operate PPL Montana's hydroelectric facilities.

Discussion only, no action.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(256) In the matter of N2014.4.45: 2014 certification of eligible telecommunication carriers (ETC) for 2015 federal universal service fund (USF) support.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the staff recommended list of telecommunications companies as ETCs eligible for the 2015 USF support. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(257) In the matter of D2012.11.122 and D2013.11.82: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's application to implement a fuel and purchased power cost tracking adjustment-rate 35.

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

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(258) In the matter of N2013.9.66: Montana-Dakota Utilities Companies' 2013 biennial electric integrated resource plan.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to submit the comments as discussed with non-substantive edits. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 25, 2014, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

(259) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application to purchase and operate PPL Montana's hydroelectric facilities.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the final order with changes as discussed to include non-substantive edits and DIRECTED staff to issue the order before the close of business September 25, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

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

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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