

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 21, 2014, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

Commissioners Bushman and Kavulla were excused, and left their proxies with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(276) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 13, 2014.

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

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(277) In the matter of N2014.9.80: Alpine Pacific Utilities' application for initial 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

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(278) In the matter of TN2620: The estate of Thomas F. Kenneally request to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 4448. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(279) In the matter of D2013.3.20 and D2014.3.30: NorthWestern Energy's applications for natural gas universal system benefits rate adjustment for 2013 and 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Chairman Gallagher seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(280) In the matter of T-14.23.DR: Bull Mountain Sanitation LLC's petition for a declaratory ruling regarding exemption from Class D motor carrier certification requirements.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DENY the motion for deferral and GRANT a two week grace period for comments to November 7, 2014. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Lake moved to SUSTAIN the objection to NWE-015(c) and NWE-004 to the extent NWE-004 calls for a legal conclusion, find MOOT the objection to NWE-0002, and find NWE-013(b) and NWE-014 NOT RIPE for adjudication. Commissioner Koopman 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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