

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 24, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Bob Lake, Commissioner via phone

Commissioner Bushman was excused, and left his proxy with Commissioner Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(53) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 10, 2015.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 10, 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(54) In the matter of out of state travel.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Joel Tierney and Elizabeth Kamback to attend the Western Region meeting of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives, April 27-May 1, 2015, in Portland, OR. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(55) In the matter of N2015.2.15: CenturyTel's petition for withdrawal from the Montana Telephone Low-Income Assistance Program.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the petition for withdrawal. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Elizabeth Torske, Regulatory Division

(56) In the matter of D2015.1.14: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's revised tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the combining Heating Zone 152 with Heating

Zone 151. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(57) In the matter of D2014.4.37: Ronan Telephone Company's motion for term protective order.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the motion for protective order and ISSUE order no. 7386. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(58) In the matter of D2014.4.33: Hot Springs Telephone Company's motion for a term protective order.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DENY the motion for protective order as to employee and manager compensation over \$100,000 and GRANT the motion as to employee and manager compensation under \$100,000. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(59) In the matter of T-15.2.PCN: Bull Mountain Sanitation, LLC's application for Class D authority.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY Republic's motion for continuance of the hearing and motion to disqualify examiner. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(60) In the matter of D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46: NorthWestern Energy's 2012-2013/2013-2014 electric supply trackers.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application to appear pro hac vice. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton and Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

(61) In the matter of D2015.1.5: NorthWestern Energy's BPA residential exchange credit filing.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the REP credit. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(62) In the matter of N2014.11.92: Havre Pipeline Company service quality information.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE noticing as a "D" docket and ISSUING a procedural order with the issues to be resolved by August 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(63) In the matter of D2012.6.64: Complaint of Steven Burch v. NWE.

Commissioner Lake moved to DISMISS the complaint. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(64) In the matter of D2010.2.14: Complaint of James T. Gruba et al v. NWE.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the second motion for timely ruling on pending matters. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Kavulla

(65) In the matter of Washington legislative bills SB 5874 and HB 2002.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DRAFT a letter to the chair and ranking member subject to Commission approval. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(66) In the matter of the 2014 pipeline safety program review.

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

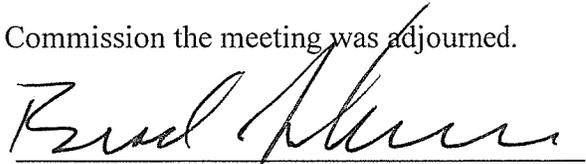
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(67) In the matter of legislative bills.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE opposing HB 582 with a fiscal note indicating that costs could exceed \$150,000. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

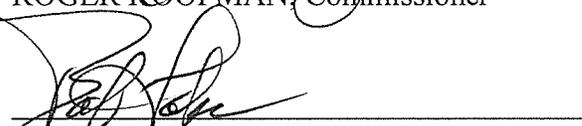
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman


TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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