

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 15, 2015, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(265) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 5, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 5, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(266) In the matter of D2015.9.67 & D2015.9.68: NorthWestern Energy's application to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting October 1, 2015.

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

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(267) In the matter of D2014.7.63: Energy West Montana Inc.'s application to make interim adjustments final and to reconcile under-collection of gas costs.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the rates on a final basis and reserve the allocation issue for a future docket. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(268) In the matter of D2015.7.60: Boulder Hydro Limited Partnership's petition for a declaratory ruling.

Commissioner Koopman moved to ISSUE an order denying the petition. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

(269) In the matter of D2015.3.27: NorthWestern Energy's petition for a waiver from compliance with the community renewable energy project purchase obligation for 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to reinstate the procedural schedule to address additional issues and schedule a hearing. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Lake and Bushman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(270) In the matter of D2014.6.53: The lost revenue adjustment mechanism of NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the final order. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

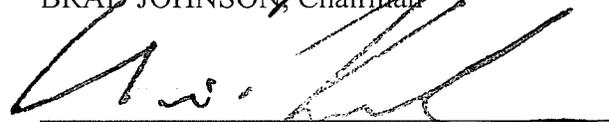
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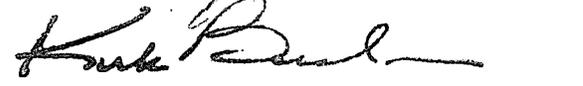
(271) In the matter of D2012.1.3: NorthWestern Energy's 50 MW installed capacity limit.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE lifting the stay granted in Order 7199e. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Lake and Bushman dissenting.

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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