

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 8, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Bushman was excused from the meeting and left his proxy with Commissioner Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(311) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 30, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 30, 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(312) In the matter of T-15.51.COC: In Style Arrivals LLC's application for a certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the certificate of compliance. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(313) In the matter of T-15.52.COC: Magic City V.I.P. LLC's application for a certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the certificate of compliance. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(314) In the matter of N2015.11.90: Project Telephone Company's request to update its subscriber line extension conditions and add outbound alternative caller id to the exchange and network service tariffs.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the request. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Bushman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Acting Administrator, Regulatory Division

(315) In the matter of N2015.11.91: NorthWestern Energy's 2015 electricity supply resource procurement plan.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the motion for extension of time waiving ARM 38.5.8226(1). Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Centralized Services Division Administrator

(316) In the matter of Exempt staff pay increases, SB 418.

Main Motion: Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE a 50 cent increase in base salary effective on the first day of the first complete pay period that includes January 15, 2016 and January 15, 2017 for exempt staff. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

Amended Motion: Commissioner Lake moved to amend the motion to APPROVE the increase except to any exempt employee who received a pay increase in the last three months. The increase can be awarded in a performance review. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

The main motion as amended passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Bushman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas and Jason Brown, Legal Division

(317) In the matter of D2015.8.64: Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's petition to have the Commission set contract terms and conditions pursuant to Mont Code Annotated 69-3-603.

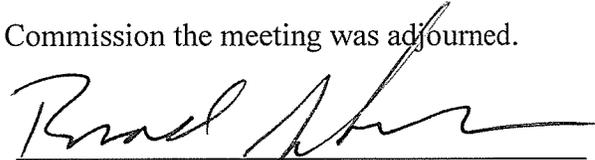
Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for summary judgment, EVOKING ARM 38.2.2701 and ORDERING parties to engage in settlement discussions for 30 days. At the end of the discussions a pre-hearing conference will be held, if parties are unable to settle dispute 30 days will be added to the end of the proceeding. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Chairman Johnson

(318) In the matter of the Regulatory Division Chief position.

Commissioner Koopman moved to OFFER Will Rosquist the exempt position of Regulatory Division Chief at a salary of \$82,500, contingent on the candidate's opportunity to have a group interview with the Commissioners and to present an action plan during a meeting in January. 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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