

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 23, 2016 the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(31) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 1, 2016.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 1, 2016. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the travel of John Torske to attend the Pipeline Failure Root Cause Analysis conference in Oklahoma City, OK, April 11-15, 2016; Joel Tierney to attend the Safety Evaluation of Pipeline Systems conference in Oklahoma City, OK, April 18-22, 2016; and Joel Tierney and John Torske to attend the 2016 Western Region NAPSRS meeting in St. George, UT, May 9-13, 2016. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(33) In the matter of T-16.2.ST: The estate of Thomas F. Kenneally's application to transfer PSC No. 4448 to James M. Kenneally.

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

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(34) In the matter of 2014.7.58: NorthWestern Energy's 2014-2015 electricity supply tracker.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the stipulation excluding certain administrative expenses, including planning, modeling, and administrative costs associated with utility-owned assets and the costs of a 2014 request for proposals for community renewable energy projects, allowing further process to investigate these issues. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Elizabeth Torske, Regulatory Division

(35) In the matter of D2015.3.32: Havre Pipeline Company's Service Quality and its response to the Notice of Commission Action in N2014.11.92.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE issuing an order finding that Havre Pipeline is a public utility, subject to Commission jurisdiction, that Havre Pipeline is not allowed to abandon farm tap service absent Commission approval, and that the tariff is the controlling document in regard to cost, terms and conditions of service. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, John Torske, and Elizabeth Torske, Regulatory Division

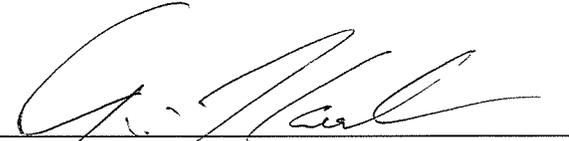
(36) In the matter of the 2015 Pipeline Safety recap.

Discussion only, no action taken.

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



BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

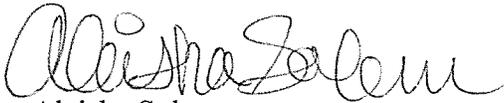


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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