

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman (by phone)
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Bob Lake, Commissioner (by phone)
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner (by phone)

APPEARANCE

(Video 01:30)

Rhonda Simmons, Commission Secretary

(23) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 5, 2018.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 5, 2018. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(Video 01:52)

(24) In the matter of Staff Out-of-State Travel for Joel Tierney to travel to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to attend the Welding and Welding Inspection Course on March 12-16, 2018; and for Joel Tierney and John Torske to travel to Seattle, Washington to attend the NAPS Western Region Meeting on April 23-27, 2018.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to APPROVE the staff out-of-state travel. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 03:40)

Zachary Rogala, Legal Division

(25) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.1.5, the Complaint of AmeriMont, Inc. vs. NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Koopman moved to ACCEPT the AmeriMont complaint. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 16:40)

Zachary Rogala, Legal Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(26) In the matter of Docket No. D2017.9.71, Avista Corporation and Hydro One Limited's

Application for Authorization of the Proposed Sale and Transfer of Avista Corporation.

Commissioner Lake moved to ACCEPT staff's recommendation and revise the procedural schedule. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 21:20)

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division

Justin Kraske, Chief Legal Counsel/Administrator, Legal Division

(27) In the matter of Docket No. D2017.6.56, In the Matter of the Petition of NorthWestern Energy for a Declaratory Ruling on the Availability of Scheduled QF-1 Rates to 71 Ranch, LP, Oversight Resources, LLC and DA Wind Investors, LLC.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's motion for reconsideration and issue an order upholding and explaining the Commission's decision. Vice Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Lake dissented.

APPEARANCE

(Video 33:06)

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division

Tina Shorten, Business Operation Supervisor, Consumer Assistance

(28) In the matter of Docket No. N2016.11.91, in the Matter of the Proposed Amendment of ARM 38.5.3403 Pertaining to Operator Service Providers.

Chairman Johnson moved to ISSUE the notice of commission action. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 35:27)

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

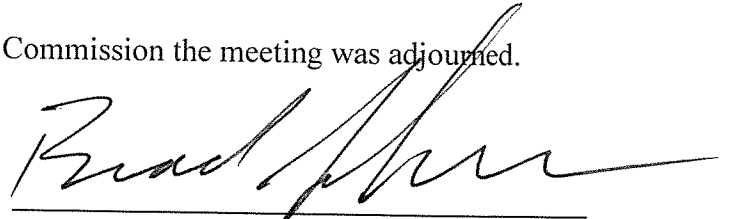
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division


Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(29) In the matter of Docket No. D2017.9.79, in the matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas Rate Service.

Discussion only; no action taken.

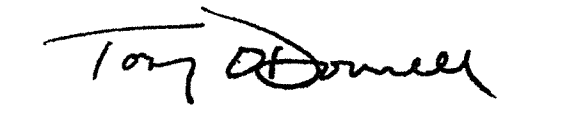
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman


TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner


TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

