

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Office in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 05, 2024, at 9:33 a.m., a quorum was met with the following members present.

James Brown, President
Jennifer Fielder, Vice President
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner
Randy Pinocci, Commissioner
Annie Bukacek, Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimber Brown, Gallatin Valley Sunrise (Online)
Nick Fitzmaurice, Montana Environmental Information Center
Peter Scott, Esq., Bozeman, Montana
John Herrin, Helena, Montana

Kimber Brown commented on behalf of the Gallatin Valley Sunrise movement on Docket# 2024.03.028 – MEIC Petition for Rulemaking.

Mr. Fitzmaurice commented on Docket# 2022.11.102 – NorthWestern Energy's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2023 and Docket# 2024.03.028 – MEIC Petition for Rulemaking.

Peter Scott commented on Docket# 2021.12.136 – Requested deferred action to agenda item.

John Herrin commented on global warming and climate friendly issues regarding Colstrip.

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Work Session item# 2 – Docket# 2022.11.102 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") – To discuss issuing Commission comments in response to NorthWestern's 2023 IRP and Work Session item# 3 – Docket# 2021.12.13 (consolidated with docket 2021.12.137) – Commission Initiated – The Commission's Investigation into the Adequacy of Legacy Infrastructure Operated by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC will be deferred to next week's Business Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

APPEARANCE

Patricia Trooien, Commission Secretary

(17) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of February 12, 2024.

Commissioner Pinocci moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 12, 2024. Commissioner Bukacek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Tim Nerstad, Regulatory Division
Amanda Webster, Legal Division

(18) 2024.02.025 – NorthWestern Energy, Town of Phillipsburg, and Phillipsburg School District #1 – Interim Approval of Retail Electric Supply Service – To consider granting interim approval for

the Town of Philipsburg and Philipsburg School District #1 to become bundled retail electric supply customers of NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Bukacek moved to APPROVE the emergency relief initiative and to AUTHORIZE staff to make non-substantive edits as required for clarity. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0.

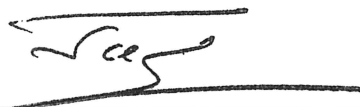
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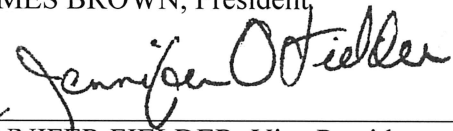
Tomorrow, March 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. the Commission will be holding a Public Informational Meeting, NorthWestern Energy's Presentation on the January 2024 Cold Weather Event. The public is encouraged to tune into the meeting.

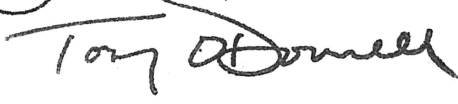
The next Commission Business meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.


There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.




JAMES BROWN, President


JENNIFER FIELDER, Vice President


TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner


RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner


ANNIE BUKACEK, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Heather Campbell, Assistant Commission Secretary
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