

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 7, 2014, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner via phone  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(1) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 30, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 30, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(2) In the matter of TN2596: James A. Jones d/b/a Oilfield Maintenance Company's request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to G&G Garbage, Inc.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 9297. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(3) In the matter of TN2597: Brawn, Inc.'s request to continue the lease of PSC No, 2278 to Vance Vanderpan d/b/a Greater Valley Taxi.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 2278. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(4) In the matter of the FCC proposed rulemaking in WC Docket No. 12-375.

Commissioner Bushman moved to DIRECT staff to submit the reply comments. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(5) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to purchase and operate the hydroelectric facilities of PPL Montana, LLC.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the motion for protective order. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(6) In the matter of D2013.12.83: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees.

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division  
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(7) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to purchase and operate the hydroelectric facilities of PPL Montana, LLC.

Commissioner Lake moved to AUTHORIZE staff to enter into a contract with Evergreen Economics, DRAFT a contract allowing the Commission an out after the adequacy review, with the total amount of the contract including hearing not to exceed \$40,000. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 9, 2014, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner       via phone  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(8) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to purchase and operate the hydroelectric facilities of PPL Montana, Inc.

Commissioner Lake moved to EXTEND the deadline for NorthWestern Energy to respond to data requests as set out in the draft Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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