

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 27, 2014, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Gallagher was excused after work session number 85, and left his proxy with Vice Chairman Lake.

Commissioner Kavulla was excused after work session number 86, and left his proxy with Vice Chairman Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(81) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(82) In the matter of TN2607: Dale W. Adams dba Plentywood Sanitation Company request to continue the lease of PSC No, 1602 to Lonnie J. Johnson dba as Plentywood Sanitation from March 17, 2014 to September 17, 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 1602. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(83) In the matter of TN2608: Sherry R. Vogel dba Eastern Montana Taxi and Transportation, LLC request for suspension of PSC No. 9485 from March 18, 2014 to September 18, 2014.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9485. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(84) In the matter of D2014.1.9: Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's petition for a declaratory ruling of Greycliff Wind Prime, LCC as an eligible renewable resource and a community renewable energy project.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the draft Declaratory Ruling with changes as discussed in paragraph 17 and with non-substantive edits. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(85) In the matter of D2010.2.14: Complaint of James T. Gruba et al v. NorthWestern Energy.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT the motion for extension of time to file the testimony of Ed Smalley. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(86) In the matter of D2014.2.22: Yellowstone Pipeline tariff rates.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the draft final order. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(87) In the matter of Public Utility Annual Reports.

Commissioner Koopman moved to RESCIND the previous Commission Order on annual report filings and DIRECTED staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action requesting annual reports from 2010 to present to be filed. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(88) In the matter of the FCC rate floor.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DIRECT staff to draft comments to the FCC. Commissioner

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Lake 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

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