

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 15, 2014, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(101) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 7, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 7, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(102) In the matter of Out of State staff travel.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Bob Charles to the FRA meeting in Vancouver, Washington May 12-16, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(103) In the matter of N2014.4.32: CenturyLink's tariff transmittal 14-01.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE CenturyLink's tariff transmittal 14-01. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(104) In the matter of TN2611: Fitzgerald Transportation Inc.'s request to approve an affidavit in lieu of revenue.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the affidavit in lieu of revenue. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(105) In the matter of TN2612: Ethan Lindell & Drake Burch dba E & D's Garbage Service's request to lease PSC No. 2938 to E & D's Garbage Service LLC from April 15, 2014 to October 15, 2014.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 2938. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(106) In the matter of D2013.11.78: Qwest Corporation dba CentruyLink QC and CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink's petition for waiver in part of 69-3-805(1), MCA.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY the motion for protective order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(107) In the matter of D2006.10.146: Salish Shores Utility Corporation's application to implement initial rates for water service in Sanders County, Montana.

Commissioner Lake moved to VACATE the requirement in Final Order 6797c ordering Salish to file a general rate case. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(108) 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 Kavulla moved to ISSUE the order as drafted. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(109) 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 Kavulla moved to TREAT NWE-011 as a data request to Essex Partnership and TREAT NWE-012 as a public records request. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(110) In the matter of DV-13-399: NorthWestern Energy's 2012 Electric tracker appeal.

Chairman Gallagher moved to ACCEPT the settlement offer regarding the 2012 Electric tracker, contingent on the Montana Consumer Counsel not objecting to the settlement and that the settlement is based on the Commission's interpretation in 11 (b) that re-statement of existing statements does not constitute criticism or opinion with regard to the lost revenue policy. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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