

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on May 13, 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

(127) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 5, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(128) In the matter of N2014.4.38: Request of the staff of the Montana Public Service Commission for CenturyLink Service Quality Information.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the motion for protective order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(129) In the matter of D2013.11.80: Commnet Wireless LLC's application for conditional designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of participating in the tribal mobility fund phase 1 auction.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DENY the motion for protective order and ISSUE the order with non-substantive edits per the Commission's discussion. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(130) In the matter of D2008.8.95: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of the Dave Gates Generating Station.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the projects and their funding levels as recommended by NorthWestern Energy. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Kavulla and Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(131) In the matter of D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's 2011-2012 electric tracker.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the order on remand. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Kavulla

(132) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application to purchase and operate PPL Montana's hydroelectric facilities.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

Ousmane Loum, Centralized Services

(133) In the matter of the PSC 2014 IT plan and staff's request to research and act on obtaining temporary help.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the 2014 IT plan and APPROVE staff's request to research and act on obtaining two temporary help positions using the consulting and professional services budget. Commissioner Koopman 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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