

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 10, 2014, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Gallagher was excused, and left his proxy with Vice Chairman Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(145) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 26, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 26, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(146) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state travel for Jeremiah Langston to attend Camp NARUC August 3-8, 2014 in Lansing, Michigan. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(147) In the matter of T-14.10.ST: Ethan Lindell and Drake Burch d/b/a E & D's Garbage Service's application to transfer PSC No. 2938 to E & D's Garbage Service, LLC.

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

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(148) In the matter of D2014.4.33 and D2014.4.37: Hot Springs Telephone Company and Ronan Telephone Company's motions for a term protective order. In the matter of N2014.2.21: 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DENY the motions for Term protective orders for cost of traffic info. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT in part and DENY in part Lincoln Telephone Company's motion for protective order, based on the annual report information as filed, if 20% of the total revenue is derived from ETC funding then the company's executive and management salaries exceeding \$100,000 be disclosed. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT in part and DENY in part Southern Montana Telephone Company's motion for protective order, based on the annual report information as filed, if 20% of the total revenue is derived from ETC funding then the company's executive and management salaries exceeding \$100,000 be disclosed. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT Hot Spring Telephone Company's motion for protective order, based on the annual report information as filed, as less 20% of the total revenue is not derived from ETC funding. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT in part and DENY in part Ronan Telephone Company's motion for protective order, based on the annual report information as filed, if 20% of the total revenue is derived from ETC funding then the company's executive and management salaries exceeding \$100,000 be disclosed. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(149) In the matter of D2013.10.77: NorthWestern Energy's petition for 2013 CREP waiver.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPOINT Jason Brown as hearings officer to act on protective orders, motions, and discovery issues. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPOINT Laura Farkas as hearings officer to act on protective orders, motions, and discovery disputes. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(151) In the matter of D2014.5.47 and D2013.5.34: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of unreflected gas cost account balance and projected gas cost and gas transportation adjustment clause balance.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the motion to consolidate the dockets. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(152) In the matter of T-14.3.PCN: Big Bear Transit's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Lake moved to ISSUE an Order to show cause and CANCEL the hearing on June 18-19, 2014. 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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