

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 24, 2014, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Kavulla was excused after work session 170, and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(161) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 16, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 16, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(162) In the matter of out-of-state staff travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE Margo Schurman's travel to Camp NARUC in, East Lansing, MI, August 4-15, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(163) In the matter of T-14.11.RI: Aaron Romera dba A&A Moving's application to increase rates covering household goods under PSC No. 9477.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the rate increase. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(164) In the matter of N2014.5.49: FCC's ordered July 1, 2014 transition of intrastate access

charges.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT Frontier's tariffs as final, and GRANT Ronan and Hot Springs' tariffs on an Interim basis. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(165) In the matter of N2014.5.49: FCC's ordered July 1, 2014 transition of intrastate access charges.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT CenturyLink's and CenturyLink QC's Motions for Protective Order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(166) In the matter of N2014.4.45: 2014 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT in part Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Inc.'s motion for protective order regarding their 5 year plan with the caveat that staff will do a review of the protected information, and DENY in part Blackfoot's motion for protective order regarding Form 481 financial info. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(167) In the matter of D2014.6.54: Montana Dakota Utilities' application for authority to implement a fuel and purchase power cost tracking adjustment.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Interim Order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(168) In the matter of D2014.5.50: Yellowstone Pipeline Company's application for indexed rate increase on pipeline movements originating in Billings, MT and delivered to terminals located in Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, and Missoula, MT.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE application. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(169) In the matter of D2014.6.52: NorthWestern Energy's QFLT-1 tariff.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Interim Order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(170) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to purchase PPL's hydro facilities.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the budget revision increasing it to \$85,000. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(171) In the matter of Fiscal Year End items.

Chairman Gallagher moved to ALLOCATE the carry forward funds between IT equipment and miscellaneous office use, specifically to purchase tablets for the pipeline staff, office furniture, etc. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

Chairman Gallagher moved to ALLOCATE funds from his travel budget to other Commissioners' travel budgets. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services

(172) In the matter of Governor's Award for Excellence Nomination.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE nominating Bob Decker for the Governor's Award for Excellence. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Chairman Gallagher

(173) In the matter of Centralized Services Director Year End Performance Evaluation and Salary Review.

Commissioner Lake moved to INCREASE the CSD salary to \$31.73 per hour effective July 1, 2014, with a yearly evaluation to occur in 2015. Chairman Gallagher 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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