

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on July 1, 2014, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(174) 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 Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out-of-state travel for Jason Brown to be a presenter and attend the EUCI conference on "Rate Design Strategies for Meeting Regulatory Objectives", July 22-23, 2014 in Denver, CO. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(176) In the matter of amendments to telecommunications interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements in D2002.6.67 and D2002.3.28. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the transitional CenturyLink and CenturyLink QC intrastate access tariffs effective July 1, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(178) In the matter of D2014.4.43: NorthWestern Energy's petition to set contract terms and conditions for Greenfield Wind, LLC.

Chairman Gallagher moved to OVERRULE the objection to PSC-003d. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

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

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(180) In the matter of the Missoula & Mountain Water District Court Condemnation Case.

Commissioner Lake moved to DIRECT staff to intervene in the District Court case. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Chairman Gallagher
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(181) In the matter of the Communications and Research Director (PIO) Year End Performance Evaluation and Salary Review.

Chairman Gallagher moved to ACCEPT the PIO's resignation and ENTER into the Separation Agreement and General Release. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 2-1-2. Commissioner Bushman dissenting and Commissioners Kavulla and Koopman abstaining.

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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