

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 5, 2014, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Bushman was excused and left his proxy with Vice Chairman Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(200) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 28, 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of July 28, 2014. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Laura Farkas and Aleisha Solem to attend The Basics in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 12-17, 2014. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(202) In the matter of T-14.15.OTSC: Iron Eagle Transportation, LLC's failure to respond to an Order to Show Cause.

Chairman Gallagher moved to CANCEL PSC No. 9472 for failure to file a 2013 Annual Report. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(203) In the matter of T-14.16.PCN: Ryan Perrin d/b/a BlackedOut 406's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application as amended. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(204) In the matter of T-14.18.ST: David E. Newell and Bill Abbot, a partnership d/b/a Bitterroot Taxi's application to transfer PSC No. 9469 to Stephen B. Perdue d/b/a Bitterroot Taxi.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 9469. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(205) In the matter of T-14.19.PCN TA: Request to remove the 'doing business as' under PSC No. 9490TA.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the request. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(206) In the matter of N2014.4.45: 2014 Annual certification of Montana eligible telecommunications carriers.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT in part and DENY in part Frontier's motion for protective order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(207) In the matter of N2014.7.64: Montana-Dakota Utilities' request for waiver of the requirement in ARM 38.5.176 to file a marginal cost of service study.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the waiver. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(208) In the matter of D2014.4.39: Montana-Dakota Utilities' natural gas conservation tracking adjustment (Rate 90).

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Koopman

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(209) In the matter of D2014.6.52: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of schedule QFLT-1.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(210) In the matter of D2014.1.5: NorthWestern Energy's QF-1 tariff.

Commissioner Koopman moved to OVERRULE the objection to Hydromm-002, -003, and -010 and SUSTAIN the objection to Hydromm-008 and -009. 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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