

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 18, 2014, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(247) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 8, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 8, 2014. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(248) In the matter of D2014.8.75: MDU Resource Group, Inc.'s application for authority to issue over a two year period \$1,000,000,000 of long-term financing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application to issue securities for a two year period ending December 31, 2016. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Unit

(249) In the matter of N2014.8.70: PSC initiated Operator Service Provider caps.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the rate caps for Operator Service Providers for October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(250) In the matter of EL13-73: Hydrodynamics' petition for enforcement and declaratory order pursuant to Section 210(h) of PURPA.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to initiate a rulemaking to eliminate the

requirement that long term contracts for QFs greater than 3 MW in size shall be contingent upon selection.... through an all-source competitive solicitation...." per Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.1902(5). Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(251) In the matter of D2014.1.5: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of Avoided Cost tariff for new qualifying facilities.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for interim rate relief and in the alternative motion for suspension of PURPA obligations. 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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