

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 30, 2014, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner

Commissioner Koopman was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Bushman.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(282) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 20, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 20, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(283) In the matter of D2002.6.68: Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink's request for approval of amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Level 3 Communications.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the proposed amendment to the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(284) In the matter of D2014.9.84 & D2014.9.85: NorthWestern Energy's application to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting October 1, 2014 until its next general rate case.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE NorthWestern's request to accrue under and over collections of the MPSC and MCC taxes until the next general rate case. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(285) In the matter of TN2621: Queen City Limousine, Inc.'s request to lease PSC No. 9020 to UG, Inc. d/b/a Queen City Limousine from October 28, 2014 to April 28, 2015.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 9020. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(286) In the matter of D2014.8.73: CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and CenturyLink Communications LLC's application for approval of interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(287) In the matter of N2014.9.86: NorthWestern Energy's request for authorization to revise the Electric Utility Tariff Schedule No. CR-1.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the proposed adjustment to its CR-1 tariff. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division  
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(288) In the matter of D2010.6.60: North Star Planned Unit Development's application for initial rates for water and wastewater service.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Final Order adding language reflecting a refund to customers who have over paid since March 1, 2014, applying the refund as a credit to their bills over a 6 month period and adding language explaining why no interest will be applied to the refund. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(289) In the matter of N2014.4.38: CenturyLink QC's response to the Notice of Commission Action, request for continuance, and petition for waiver of Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.3371 (7)(b).

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action commencing a contested case docket in response to CenturyLink's response to the Notice of Commission Action and request for continuance that clarifies the purpose of the plan we previously specified to concern rural customers facing continual outages, the NCA shall include

a filing and intervention deadline to the petition for waiver of Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.3371 (7)(b) and DIRECTED staff to consolidate the contested and investigatory dockets. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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