

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 13, 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 number 298 and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

Commissioner Koopman was excused after work session number 298.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(290) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 27, 2014.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 27, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(291) In the matter of N2014.10.88: Cable & Communications Corporation's application for approval of name change and business structure to Cable & Cellular Communications, LLC effective December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application effective December 31, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Koopman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(292) In the matter of T-14.22.OTSC: Order to Show Cause in regard to Eastern Montana Taxi and Transport LLC's PSC No. 9485 for failure to reactivate following a consecutive 12 month suspension.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the cancellation of PSC No. 9485. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(293) In the matter of T-14.25.ST: Brawn, Inc.'s application to transfer PSC No. 2278 to Vance Vanderpan dba Greater Valley Taxi.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 2278. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(294) In the matter of TN2622: Edward DesRosier dba Sun Tours' application to suspend PSC No. 9220 for the period November 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the suspension of PSC No. 9220. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bob Decker and Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division  
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(295) In the matter of the EPA's proposed Clean Air Act Rule 111(d).

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(296) In the matter of N2014.4.45: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's FCC ETC certification for 2015, FCC Form 481 5-year build-out plan.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT IN PART and DENY IN PART Blackfoot's motion for protective order. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division  
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division  
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(297) In the matter of N2014.8.78: Lincoln Telephone Company's request for waiver of requirements to file annual reports by small telephone companies.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the request for waiver.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the waiver except for those companies whose revenues exceed 20% derived from Federal funds. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lake moved to POSTPONE the matter to a subsequent work session. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division  
Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Division

(298) In the matter of the Havre Pipeline Company service quality and abandonment issues.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to open a service quality investigation Docket and ISSUE a notice of commission action. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division  
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(299) In the matter of D2014.4.42: NorthWestern Energy's application for propane cost account balance and rate adjustment for Townsend Propane Supply.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the final order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division  
Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(300) In the matter of contracts for natural gas heat content (Btu) monitoring.

Commissioner Lake moved to DIRECT staff to issue the Btu monitoring contracts. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(301) In the matter of N2014.4.38: Request of Commission staff for CenturyLink QC service quality information.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the motion for protective order. Commissioner Lake 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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