

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 9, 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 Koopman was excused from work session number 314.
Commissioner Kavulla was excused from work session number 319 and left his proxy with Commissioner Koopman.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(314) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 1, 2014.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 1, 2014. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of John Torske to the Root Cause/Incident Investigation Course in Oklahoma City, OK April 27-May 1, 2015; Elizabeth Kamback and Joel Tierney to Safety Evaluation of Liquefied Petroleum Systems Course in Oklahoma City, OK April 21-24, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(316) In the matter of T-14.28.PCN: Randy Cowger d/b/a Glacier Taxi's application to remove limitation 1 from PSC No. 9015.

Chairman Gallagher moved to REJECT the request for reconsideration and DIRECTED staff to refund the protestant's application fee. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the application removing limitation 1 from PSC No. 9015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(317) In the matter of T-14.27.ST: Queen City Limousine Inc.'s application to transfer PSC No. 9020 to UG, Inc. dba Queen City Limousine.

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

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(318) In the matter of D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46: NorthWestern Energy's 2012-2014 electric supply trackers.

Chairman Gallagher moved to OVERRULE the objections to MCC-004-007, 068-070, 072, and 088 and SUSTAIN the objection to MCC-030 and DENY the motion to compel with respect to MCC-030. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT the motion to compel with respect to MCC-016, 018, and 057, DENYING in part with respect to privileged information contained in MCC-016 and MCCC-018 and DIRECTED staff to set a 30 day deadline for the submission of any pending motions for protective orders. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the motion to compel with respect to MCC-027, 052 in the format of NorthWestern's choice, 078, and 087. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT the motion to compel with respect to MCC-025. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

Bob Decker and Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

(319) In the matter of D2013.10.77: NorthWestern Energy's petition for 2013 CREP waiver.

Chairman Gallagher moved to GRANT the waiver for 2013. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Koopman and Kavulla dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(320) In the matter of T-14.23.DR: Bull Mountain Sanitation, LLC's petition for a declaratory ruling.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the petition for a declaratory ruling with an exception to Melstone and a statement regarding the absence of fact to decide on villages. 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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