

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 4, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Bob Lake, Commissioner

Allan Frankl and Dick Anderson made public comments regarding D2014.4.43.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(68) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 2, 2015.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 2, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(69) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 23, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 23, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(70) In the matter of N2015.2.16: Central Montana Communication's request to modify their tariffs.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the request to modify tariff. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(71) In the matter of N2014.12.100: HLH, LLC's request for general tariff conditions and extension rules to be included in their tariff.

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

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(72) In the matter of T-15.3.PCN: Michael Spreadbury d/b/a The Helena Town Car Company's request to waive compliance with Admin. R. Mont. 38.3.601(a) until July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT the waiver one time, until July 1, 2015, if compliance is not met the authority may be revoked. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the waiver one time until July 1, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Johnson and Lake dissenting.

The main motion as amended passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(73) In the matter of D2014.4.43: NorthWestern Energy's petition to set terms and conditions of contract between NorthWestern and Greenfield Wind, LLC.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which failed 2 to 3. Commissioners Johnson, Kavulla, and Koopman dissenting.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the motion for reconsideration and DIRECTED staff to issue an order with language insulating ratepayers from integration costs and explaining that there is no precedent with regard to price or methodology. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Lake and Bushman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Margo Schurman and Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

(74) In the matter of D2015.1.9: NorthWestern Energy's petition for certification of an eligible renewable resource.

Commissioner Bushman moved to GRANT the petition finding Two Dot Wind Farm and Fairfield Wind as eligible renewable resources. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston and Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(75) In the matter of D2014.12.99: Liberty Utilities Company's joint application for approval of a sale and transfer of stock.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion to include Algonquin in the proceeding. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for stay. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(76) 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 STRIKE the prefiled rebuttal testimony of Todd Guldseth and pages 176 through 184 of the transcript. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(77) In the matter of legislative bills.

Discussion only, no action taken.

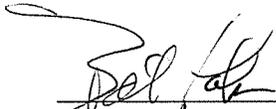
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman


TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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