

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 31, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner
Roger Koopman, Commissioner via phone

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(93) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2015.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Margo Schurman to The Basics training course, May 17-22, 2015, in Albuquerque, NM and the out of state travel of Gary Duncan to The Basics' spring and fall 2015 trainings as an instructor, in Albuquerque, NM. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(95) In the matter of TN2627: Dave Reed Trucking, Inc. d/b/a A-Limo Limousine Co,'s request to lease PSC No. 8943 to Cindy Reed dba A-Limo Limousine Company from March 31, 2015 to July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 8943. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(96) In the matter of T-15.4.ST: Felstet Disposal Service Corp.'s application to transfer PSC No. 2395 to Allied Waste Services of North America LLC dba Republic Services of Montana.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 2395. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(97) In the matter of TN2628: Richard H. Kuntz's verified statement in lieu of garbage operations.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the verified statement in lieu of garbage operations. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(98) In the matter of T-15.11.PCN: In Style Arrivals LLC's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the withdrawal of the application and close the docket. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(99) In the matter of TN2629: Dennis F. Orr Sr. d/b/a South Lake Taxi's request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9479 to South Lake Taxi II, LLC.

Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 9479. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(100) In the matter of the Communications Director position.

Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE the job description as amended and discussed and DIRECTED staff to bring a final version to the April 7, 2015 work session. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(101) In the matter of D2014.6.53: NorthWestern Energy's lost revenue adjustment mechanism.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff issue a NCA identifying three additional issues which include (1) whether LRAM should continue to apply to generation assets, (2) how LRAM, if it is retained, should be modified; and (3) what guidance the Commission should give, if any, on NorthWestern's forthcoming decoupling filing, with a draft circulated to Commissioners. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

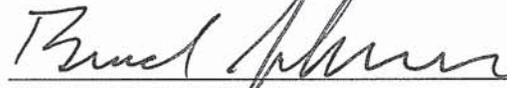
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(102) In the matter of D2014.11.95: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's application for authority for deferred accounting.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT the parties to file testimony addressing whether the Commission should issue an accounting order that authorizes the full sum of costs estimated in MDU's application to be accumulated in a deferred account associated exclusively with Montana consumers. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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



BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

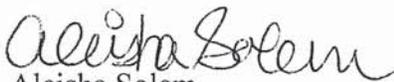


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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