

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 7, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner via phone
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

Commissioner Kavulla was excused and left his proxy with Chairman Johnson. Commissioner Lake was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Bushman.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(103) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 30, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 30, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Bob Decker to attend the Advisory Committee of the Organization of MISO States in Carmel, IN, April 22, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(105) In the matter of N2015.1.3: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's request to update a cost schedule for equipment and mileage rates related to cutting or raising wires or moving poles to accommodate structure moves.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE MDU's revised Rate 53. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(106) In the matter of T-15.9.PCN: Montana Trolley Company Inc.'s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the application for PCN. Commissioner

Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(107) In the matter of TN2630: G&G Garbage, Inc.'s affidavit in lieu of the monetary or customer requirements as required by Mont. Code. Ann. § 69-12-314(2), 69-12-407(3), and Administrative Rules of Montana 38.3.1203.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the affidavit. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(108) In the matter of D2015.1.7: CenturyLink and Teleport Communications America LLC's interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(109) In the matter of the recruiting of a Communications Director.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the job description and post immediately the position for Communications Director. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Bushman and Lake dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

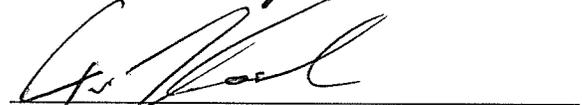
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(110) In the matter of Legislative Bills.

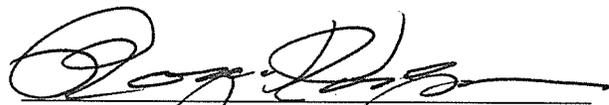
Chairman Johnson moved to DIRECT staff to draft a letter to the Governor urging him to veto SB 321 and to send the letter no later than the close of business. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

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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