

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 14, 2015, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(111) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 6, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 6, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

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

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Jeremiah Langston, April 21-22, 2015, to attend the Efficiency Exchange conference in Portland, OR. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(113) In the matter of D2015.1.10: 3 Rivers Communications and Level 3 Communications' interconnection agreement.

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

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(114) In the matter of N2015.4.33: Landmark Water Company, LLC's request to establish a late payment penalty of \$10 to customers whose account balance remains unpaid for 30 days after the bill date.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the late payment penalty. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(115) In the matter of TN2631: Kurtz Sanitation, Inc.'s request to split PSC No. 2740 for leasing purposes.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the split of PSC No. 2740. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(116) In the matter of TN2632: Kurtz Sanitation, Inc.'s request to lease PSC No. 9495 to Miles City Sanitation Service LLC from April 14, 2015 to October 14, 2015.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 9495. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(117) In the matter of D2014.11.94: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's application to implement a fuel and power cost tracking adjustment - rate 35.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(118) In the matter of D2014.1.5: NorthWestern Energy's application to change the standard rates for QFs in Tariff Schedules QF-1, WI-1, and CR-1.

MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY the application and DIRECTED staff to open a docket for a roundtable discussions regarding policy questions. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

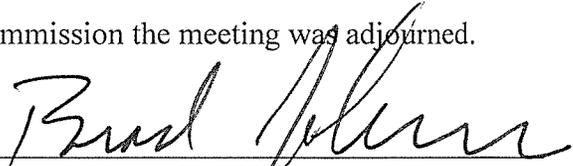
MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Lake moved to AMEND the motion to limit any contract signed to a maximum of five years until an avoided cost can be established. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which failed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

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The main motion passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Lake and Bushman dissenting.

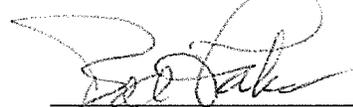
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman


TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 17, 2015, the following members were present:

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

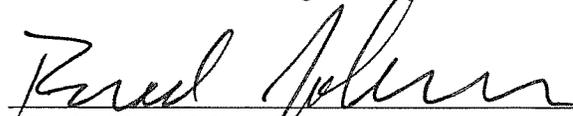
APPEARANCE

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

(119) In the matter of T-15.2.PCN: Bull Mountain Sanitation, LLC's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Class D authority.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the application with the exception of Roundup. 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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