

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 23, 2015, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(167) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 15, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 15, 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(168) In the matter of TN2633: Blake R. Beecher dba Cinderella's Chauffeur's request to cancel PSC No. 9492.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the cancellation of PSC No. 9492. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(169) In the matter of D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46: NorthWestern Energy's 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 electric tracker.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY NorthWestern's motion to strike and motion to postpone the procedural schedule. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(170) In the matter of D2015.6.46: NorthWestern Energy's 2015 QFLT-1 compliance filing.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the final order. Commissioner Lake seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(171) In the matter of D2014.7.58: NorthWestern Energy's 2015 electric tracker.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interim order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(172) In the matter of D2015.6.49: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's fuel and purchase power cost true up.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the interim order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division
Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(173) In the matter of D2014.7.59: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of unreflected gas cost account balance and projected gas cost, and gas transportation adjustment clause balance.

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

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(174) In the matter of D2012.3.20: Energy West Incorporated's application for waiver of ring-fencing requirements and authorization to engage in financing transactions.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement and ISSUE the order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(175) In the matter of travel allocation for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and reallocation of fiscal year 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to REALLOCATE the travel allocations for fiscal year 2015 to achieve a balanced budget and APPROVE the travel allocations for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(176) In the matter of hiring a Communications Director.

Chairman Johnson moved to HIRE candidate A at a salary of \$57,000 with performance appraisals at 6 months and one year. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Margo Schurman to attend the NTTG Interregional Work Group on FERC Order 1000 in Boise, ID July 6-7, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

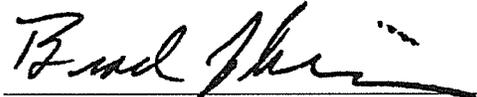
Chairman Johnson

(178) In the matter of a personnel matter.

Chairman Johnson moved to OFFER the retirement proposal as outlined including the severance package and end of employment effective June 30, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

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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