

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 30, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Johnson was excused from the meeting and left his proxy with Commissioner Koopman.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(179) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 22, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 22, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(180) In the matter of N2015.4.38: 2015 Intrastate Access Charge Reductions.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the intrastate terminating access tariffs. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(181) In the matter of Out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Jeremiah Langston to attend Camp NARUC's intermediate course in East Lansing, MI August 17-21, 2015 and Laura Farkas and Jason Brown to attend IPU's meeting in East Lansing, MI in October of 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(182) In the matter of T-15.16.PCN: Gary Vanderpan dba Bozeman Taxi's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the applicant's request to withdraw the

application and close the docket. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(183) In the matter of T-15.20.PCN: Mission Mountain Express LLC's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the application for certificate of public convenience and necessity as amended. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(184) In the matter of N2015.4.39: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's 2015 ETC certification.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT in part and DENY in part the motion for protective order including language relating to the pending outcome of the current litigation in District Court. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(185) In the matter of the Communications Director positions.

Commissioner Koopman moved to EXTEND an offer of employment to Eric Sell with the salary to be negotiated in a closed work session. Commissioner Kavulla 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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