

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on July 28, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Public comment was made by Bryan Von Lossberg in regard to Docket No. D2014.12.99.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(199) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 20, 2015.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of July 20, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(200) In the matter of D2015.6.50: Black Hills Power's quarterly fuel rate rider application.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the quarterly fuel rate rider application. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(201) In the matter of D2015.7.56: MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application for authority to issue \$250,000,000 of short-term financing.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the application to issue short-term financing. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(202) In the matter of TN2638: Dame Nue, Inc. dba Dumpjunk's request to cancel PSC No. 9475.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE canceling PSC No. 9475. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Margo Schurman to Portland, OR, August 6-7, 2015, to attend a meeting of the Norther Tier Transmission Group/Western Planning Regions work group. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas and Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(204) In the matter of D2014.12.99: Liberty Utilities Company's joint application for approval of a sale and transfer of stock.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion to dismiss or stay the proceeding. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for Algonquin Power & Utilities Corporation to appear in the proceeding finding there is such unity of interest that the separate personalities of the two entities no longer exists, but did not find that failure to disregard their separate identities would result in fraud or injustice. Additionally, jurisdiction over Algonquin Power & Utilities Corporation would currently be unreasonable. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division
Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(205) In the matter of D2015.4.40: NorthWestern Energy's application for propane supply cost account balance and rate adjustment for Townsend Propane Supply.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the final order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(206) In the matter of the Commission's proposed rulemaking regarding Telephone Extended Area Service rules.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE filing the notice off amendment and repeal with the

Secretary of State's office. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(207) In the matter of the Commission's Video streaming.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE bidding on the cost to update the current system and on a new system. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

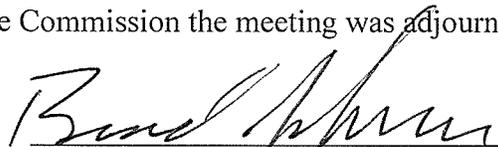
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(208) In the matter of Regulatory Division Administrator position.

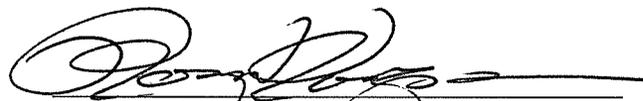
Discussion only, no action taken.

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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