

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 22, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Monica Tranel, Dennis Parman, Bob Vogel, Dave Puyer, Nannette Gilbertson, Jenny Stapp, Adrienne Kernaghan, Ellis Misner, Bill Squires, and David Gibson all gave public comment in support of N2015.4.39.

David Herbst gave public comment against Docket N2015.4.39.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(243) In the matter of N2015.4.39: Montana Eligible Telecommunication Carriers 2015 certification for 2016 Universal Service Fund Support.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the recertification of all 26 ETCs and close the docket, as well as initiate an N docket for 2017. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(244) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 14, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 14, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(245) In the matter of T-15.30.OTSC: L.S. Jensen & Sons, Inc.'s order to show cause.

Commissioner Lake moved to CANCEL PSC No. 400 for failure to comply with Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-407. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(246) In the matter of T-15.28.OTSC: G & L Transit, Inc.'s order to show cause.

Chairman Johnson moved to CANCEL PSC No. 4705 for failure to comply with Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-402. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(247) In the matter of T-15.40.OTSC: Fort Belknap Emergency Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical Transportation Services' order to show cause.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to CANCEL PSC No. 9453 for failure to comply with Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-407. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

(248) In the matter of D2015.8.62: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of its BPA residential exchange credit.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE adjusting NorthWestern's residential exchange program rate credit to reflect an increase in benefits from BPA. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division  
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(249) In the matter of D2015.9.70: Havre Pipeline Company LLC's application for interim and final rate adjustment for its rural farmstead customers.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Interim Order with the addition of paragraph 4. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(250) In the matter of T-15.19.OTSC: Kenneth Landert Jr. dba Kountry Transportation's order to show cause.

Chairman Johnson moved to ISSUE the final order consistent with proposed order 7429.

Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas and Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(251) 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 APPROVE access to the special provision information to the attorneys of the requesting party including their paralegals and law student, the non-party attorney is excluded, the City's employee expert is excluded until he complies with the Commission's rules, and the city's experts are granted access. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

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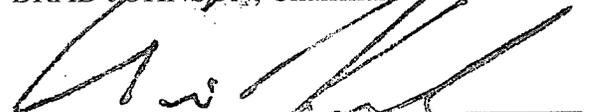
Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(252) In the matter of the inquiry into PURPA implementation.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE the notice and reference memo. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

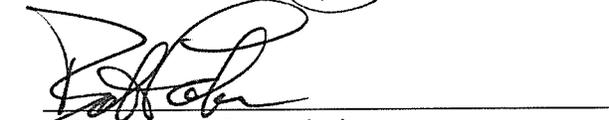
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

  
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

  
TRAVIS KAVULIA, Vice Chairman

  
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

  
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

  
BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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