

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 15, 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

(319) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 7, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 7, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(320) In the matter of TN2643: Badlands, Inc dba Badlands Taxi's request to lease PSC No. 417 to 1885 Transportation, LLC dba Badlands, Taxi.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 417. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(321) In the matter of D2015.10.75, CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Bandwidth.com's interconnection agreement; D2015.11.86, New Cingular Wireless, LLC and Citizens Telecommunications' interconnection agreement; and D2000.11.200, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and OneEighty Communications' amendment to their interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the amendment to interconnection agreement in D2000.11.200 and the interconnection agreements in D2015.10.75 and D2015.11.86. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel and Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division

(322) In the matter of D2015.12.94: Montana-Dakota Utilities application to implement a fuel and purchased power cost tracking adjustment-Rate 35.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Interim Order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Scott Fabel and Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(323) In the matter of D2015.6.51: Montana-Dakota Utilities application for authority to establish increased rates for electric service in the State of Montana.

Main Motion: Commissioner Bushman moved to DENY the interim rate increase. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion.

Amended Motion: Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE an interim annual revenue increase of \$5,877,876. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which failed 2 to 3. Commissioners Johnson, Kavulla, and Koopman dissenting.

Amended Motion: Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE an increase of 25 percent of the requested amount. The motion died for a lack of a second.

The main motion passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Lake abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(324) In the matter of T-15.29.COC: Raiser-MT, LLC's application for a Class E certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the application. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Bob Decker, Robin Arnold, and Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division

(325) In the matter of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council Draft 7th Plan.

Discussion only, no action taken.

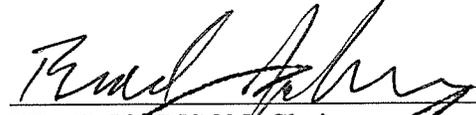
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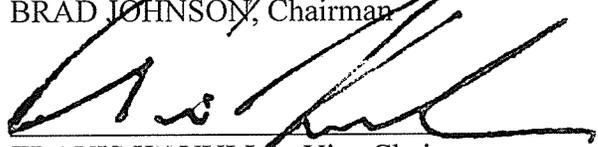
Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(326) In the matter of internal organizational structure.

Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE phase 1 of the proposal. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

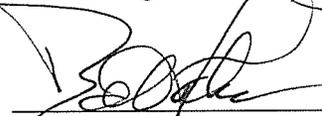
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

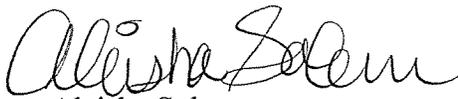

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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