

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

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

Commissioner Koopman was excused from the meeting.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(327) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 14, 2015.

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

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division

(328) In the matter of D2015.11.87, Black Hills Power, Inc's application for approval of negotiated contract with Belle Fourche Pipeline Co.; D2015.11.88, Black Hill Power Inc.'s application for approval of negotiated contract with Butte Pipeline Co.; D2015.11.89, Black Hills Power, Inc.'s application for approval of negotiated contract with Denbury Onshore, LLC.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the interim rate request. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

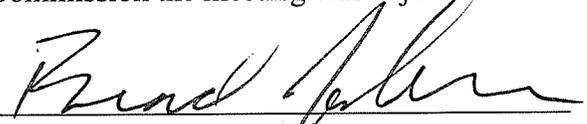
APPEARANCE

Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(329) In the matter of Montana-Dakota Utilities transmission charges from integration of WAPA and Basin Electric into Southwest Power Pool (FERC ER14-2850).

Commissioner Kavulla moved to SUBMIT the Commission's letter of support for MDU-SPP negotiation process, but abstain from endorsement of specific settlement terms. Commissioner Bushman 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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