

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 3, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Barbara Ramp from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Government Affairs gave public comment regarding the Legislative Audit Committee's Performance Audit on railroad safety.

APPEARANCE

Sandy Scherer, Assistant Commission Secretary

(285) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 26, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 26, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(286) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Laura Farkas and Jeremiah Langston to Denver, CO to attend the CLE International Telecommunications Law Conference December 14, 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(287) In the matter of TN2642: Greyhound Lines, Inc.'s request for cancellation of PSC No 8939 due to changes in transportation laws as a result of SB 396.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT the request for cancellation of PSC No 8939. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(288) In the matter of D2004.7.108: Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Qwest Communications Corporation's interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE Qwest's request. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(289) In the matter of D2015.9.66: Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and QuantumShift Communications' interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE CenturyLink's request. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(290) In the matter of N2015.10.80: Yellowstone Pipeline's request for approval to change current language in Tariff 49.7 to correct a misprint in the language related to the petroleum products moved through the pipeline.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE Yellowstone Pipeline's request. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(291) In the matter of D2015.9.68 & D2015.9.67: Montana-Dakota Utilities' application to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting October 1, 2015 deferring implementation of tariffs and tax increases for inclusion in its next general rate filing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(292) In the matter of the inquiry into Railroad Safety.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ESTABLISH an investigative docket concerning railroad safety. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division  
Aleisha Solem, Centralized Services Division

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(293) In the matter of utilizing available FTE to fill vacant positions.

Discussion only, no action taken.

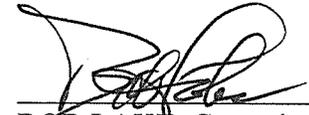
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

  
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

  
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman

  
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

  
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

  
BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Scherer  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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