

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 30, 2015, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Johnson was excused from the meeting and left his proxy with Commissioner Koopman.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(303) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of November 16, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of November 16, 2015. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(304) In the matter of D2006.2.15: Cut Bank Gas' application for approval of increased rates for natural gas service to all customers within their service area.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE terminating the quarterly reports required in Order 6720c. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(305) In the matter of N2015.11.85: Montana State Universal Fund Investigation.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE opening an investigation into the establishment of a state universal fund and DIRECTED staff to issue the notice of investigation. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(306) In the matter of N2015.10.82: Wettington Water, Inc.'s application for standard rates.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE increasing the flat rate usage to \$42.50 a month pending further proceedings. Wettington Water must become compliant with DEQ requirements before further rate increases are approved and if not compliant within nine months flat rates can be rescinded. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Bushman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(307) In the matter of DDV-2015-118: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's petition for judicial review.

Commissioner Lake moved to INITIATE further proceedings. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas, Legal Division  
Will Rosquist, Acting Administrator, Regulatory Division

(308) In the matter of D2015.6.51: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's application for authority to establish increased rates for electric service in the state of Montana.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the stipulation between the Alliance for Solar Choice and Montana-Dakota Utilities with the Commission taking no stand on the demand charge. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas and Jason Brown, Legal Division

(309) In the matter of D2015.8.64: Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's petition to have the Commission set contract terms and conditions pursuant to Mont Code Annotated 69-3-603.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for summary judgment, EVOKING ARM 38.2.2701 and ORDERING parties to engage in settlement discussions for 30 days. At the end of the discussions a pre-hearing conference will be held, if parties are unable to settle dispute 30 days will be added to the end of the proceeding. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

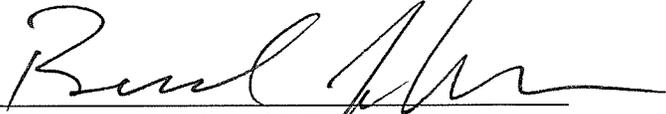
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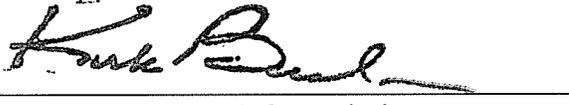
(310) In the matter of the amendment of ARM 38.5.1902 pertaining to cogeneration and small power production.

Commissioner Koopman moved to PUBLISH the notice of adoption, adopting NorthWestern's version B as outlined in their comments. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Lake and 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:



Sandy Scherer  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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