

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 19, 2016, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Kavulla was excused after work session number 15, and left his proxy with Chairman Johnson.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(12) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 11, 2016.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of January 11, 2016. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(13) In the matter of TN2654: Dick Irvin, Inc.'s request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9392 to Irvin, Inc. & Mico, Inc. dba I & T Transfer from January 6, 2016 to January 6, 2017.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 9392. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(14) In the matter of N2015.12.96: Citizens Telecom's advice letter No. MT-15-08.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the advice letter No. MT-15-08. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(15) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern's application for approval of the acquisition of PPL Montana LLC's Hydroelectric Generating Facilities in Montana.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the compliance filing on an interim basis. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting and Commissioner Koopman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Joel Tierney and John Torske, Regulatory Division

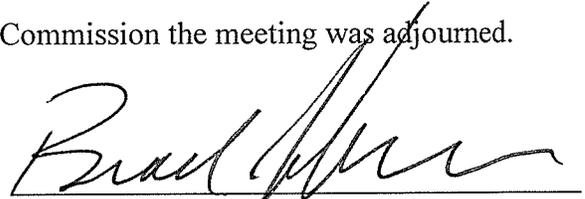
(16) In the matter of Five Valley's Gas/Energy Partners October 31, 2014 incident.

MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Lake moved to ISSUE an Order to Show Cause with a fine of \$5,500. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Koopman moved to AMEND the main motion to include a penalty of \$22,000. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Lake and Bushman dissenting.

The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

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



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BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



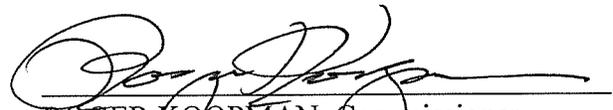
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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner



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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



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BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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