

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 5, 2016 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

(65) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 28, 2016.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 28, 2016. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Bob Decker to attend the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board and the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation April 25-27, 2016, in Salt Lake City, UT and for Margo Schurman to attend the Western NARUC Utility Rate School May 16-20, 2016 in San Diego, CA. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(67) In the matter of telecommunication interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements in D2016.1.5, D2016.1.6, and D2010.12.115. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(68) In the matter of D2015.1.14: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's petition for certification of the Thunder Spirit Wind Project as an eligible renewable resource.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Petition. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Margo Schurman, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(69) In the matter of D2015.12.95: Black Hills Power, Inc.'s application for approval to cancel the quarterly fuel rate rider.

Commissioner Bushman moved APPROVE cancelling the quarterly fuel rate rider. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(70) In the matter of D2016.1.8: NorthWestern Energy's hydroelectric facilities purchase compliance filing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a notice of additional issues. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(71) 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 Ann. § 69-3-603.

Commissioner Bushman moved to DENY Greycliff's motion in limine. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to SUSTAIN IN PART and OVERRULE IN PART NorthWestern's objections to GWP-006, 007, and 010, and WITHDRAW, PSC-020, 024, and 025. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mandi Hinman, Centralized Services Division Administrator  
Eric Sell, Communications Director  
Phillip English, Centralized Services

(72) In the matter of the PSC IT plan.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the draft IT plan. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Bushman abstaining.

Chairman Johnson moved to DIRECT staff to prepare and issue an RFP in relation to the Commission's website and case management systems with a report on the progress back to the Commission within in 60 days of receiving all RFPs. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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



BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



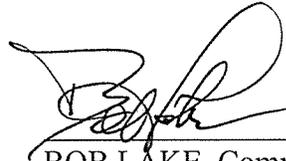
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner



ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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