

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(117) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 4, 2016.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of July 4, 2016. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(118) In the matter of T-16.19.RI: Montana Tariff Bureau, as an agent for and on behalf of Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Co.'s application for increased rates and charges to item 265b Tariff No. 1.

Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE the rate increase. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(119) In the matter of TN2660: James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company's request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 to G & G Garbage LLC.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the continued lease of PSC No. 9297. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(120) In the matter of NorthWestern v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DIRECT staff to file a motion for intervention. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(121) In the matter of D2016.1.9: NorthWestern Energy's tracking and disclosure of state and local taxes and fees paid by customers.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the proposed rate structure in the Compliance filing and have it implemented within six months. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Bushman and Lake dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division  
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Legal Division  
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(122) In the matter of D2015.8.64: Greycliff Wind Prime's petition for the Commission to set contract terms and conditions.

Commissioner Lake moved to STRIKE Greycliff's July 18<sup>th</sup> memo from the record. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE setting a contract price at \$42.79 based on the staff recommended price of \$45.49 with a reduction of \$2.70 for interconnection network upgrade costs. The motion died for a lack of a second.

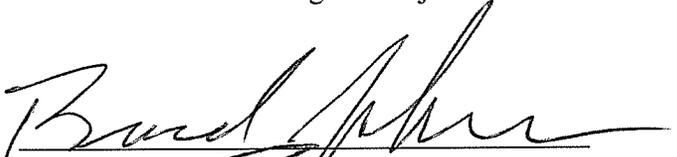
MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Lake moved to set the contract price at \$45.49. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion.

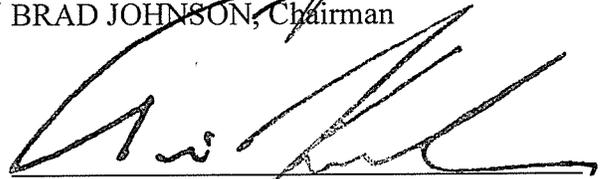
MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Lake moved to reduce the \$45.49 price by \$1.99 to reflect NorthWestern's proposed non-firm power adjustment, setting the contract price at \$43.50. The motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Bushman moved to REMOVE the cost of carbon from the calculation. The motion died for a lack of a second.

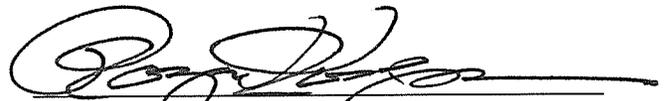
The main motion passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

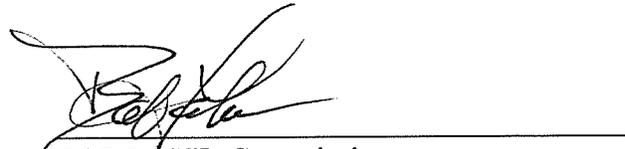
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

  
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

  
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman

  
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

  
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

  
BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Aleisha Solem  
Commission Secretary

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