

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 13, 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

(147) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 5, 2016.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 5, 2016. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(148) In the matter of D2016.8.65: MDU Resource Group, Inc.'s application for authority to issue long term financing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application to issue securities for a two-year period ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(149) In the matter of telecommunications interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements in Dockets D2016.2.18, D2016.6.50, D2016.7.54, and D2016.7.57. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Joel Tierney to attend the mandatory PHMSA training October 17-21, 2016, in Oklahoma City, OK. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(151) In the matter of D2015.1.12: Miller Oil Company's monthly gas tracker adjustment for propane service in its Culbertson, MT service area from January through December 2015.

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

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(152) In the matter of D2016.3.31: Ronan Telephone Company's petition for declaratory ruling.

Chairman Johnson moved to AUTHORIZE staff to set an additional briefing schedule with the parties and to determine the need for oral argument after briefing has completed. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(153) In the matter of D2016.9.68: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to change and establish natural gas delivery service and production rates.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the request to bifurcate the docket. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division
Scott Fable and Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(154) In the matter of D2016.2.17: Energy West Incorporated's application for approval of corporate reorganization and debt replacement financing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Draft Final Order. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

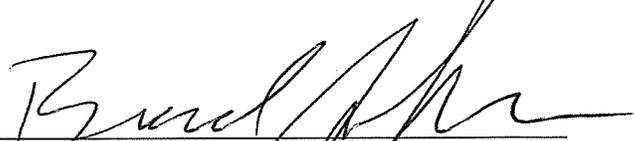
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(155) In the matter of D2015.8.64: Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC's petition to set terms and conditions for a qualifying facility.

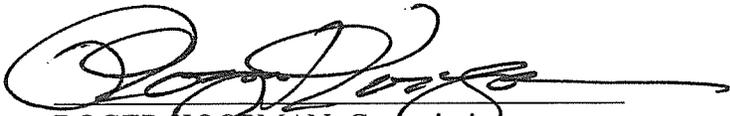
Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE the Order as revised with Commissioner Koopman's edits subject to non-substantive edits to the Order. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Lake and Bushman dissenting.

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:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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