

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 18, 2016 the following members were present:

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

Chairman Johnson was excused from work session numbers 163 through 167, and left his proxy with Commissioner Koopman.

APPEARANCE

Sandy Scherer, Administrative Assistant

(163) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 10, 2016.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 3, 2016. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(164) In the matter of out of state travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Dave Jackson and Jordan Voigt to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of State Rail Safety Program Managers in Arlington, VA November 14-18, 2016. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(165) In the matter of N2016.8.63: IN THE MATTER OF THE Merger of Montana Sky Networks and Ronan Telephone Company.

Commissioner Lake motioned to SUSPEND the docket for a period of 30 days to allow the parties to clarify their agreement, and the docket will be closed if there is inaction after 30 days. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(166) In the matter of the commission delegation of authority for staff to approve certain motor carrier applications and requests.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the delegation of authority. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(167) In the matter of BTU monitoring contracts.

Commissioner Lake moved to ISSUE the contracts. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

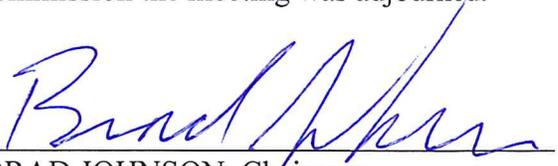
APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(168) In the matter of D2015.8.64: Greycliff Wind Prime's Motion for Leave.

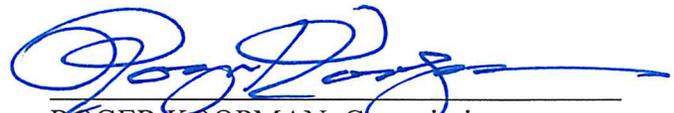
Commissioner Kavulla moved to ADMIT Greycliff's response brief, GRANT Greycliff's motion for leave, and ALLOW NorthWestern Energy to file a reply brief by 9:00 a.m. October 19, 2016. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

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:



Sandy Scherer
Administrative Assistant

(SEAL)



At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 21, 2016 the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Bushman was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Lake.

APPEARANCE

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

(169) In the matter of D2015.8.64: NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Reconsideration.

Commissioner Lake motioned to OPEN reconsideration of final order 7436d. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE an order for reconsideration relative to the 4 issues raised, consistent with staff recommendations. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion.

Justin Kraske clarified that under Robert's Rules of Order, the person making the motion for reconsideration would need to be someone who voted in the majority of the original vote. Commissioner Lake withdrew his motion to open reconsideration.

Commissioner Kavulla motioned to OPEN reconsideration of Final Order No. 7436d. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla made a procedural motion to DIVIDE the question of the approval of staff recommendation. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

For item 4, commissioners voted 4-1 to APPROVE staff recommendations. Commissioner Bushman dissenting.

For items 1-3, commissioners voted 3-2 to APPROVE staff recommendations. Commissioners Bushman and Lake dissenting.

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


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ATTEST:



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