

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 25, 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

APPEARANCE

Sandy Scherer, Administrative Assistant

(170) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 17, 2016.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 17, 2016. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(171) In the matter of D2016.9.70: Circle H Water, Inc.'s application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies.

Commissioner Lake moved to ISSUE an interim order to approve standard water rate tariffs for Circle H Water on an interim basis. Additionally, the Commission will establish a limited procedural process in the upcoming month to ensure that the Montana Consumer Counsel, the Commission, and any interested parties can review the Circle H Water request further prior to the Commission making a final decision on the entirety of the request. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

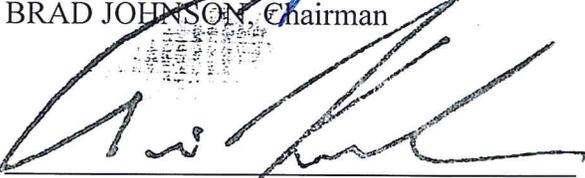
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(172) In the matter of D2016.5.39: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of revised Tariff No. QF-1.

Commissioner Lake motioned to FOLLOW staff's recommendation to limit the scope of additional issues to contract length and performance standards. Commissioner Bushman 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:


Sandy Scherer
Administrative Assistant

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