

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 22, 2016 the following members were present:

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

Chairman Johnson was excused from this meeting.

APPEARANCE

Sandy Scherer, Administrative Assistant

(179) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 31, 2016.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 31, 2016. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Division

(180) In the matter of N2016.10.82: Frontier Communications of Montana's advice letter No. MT-16-04.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE advice letter No. MT-16-04. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(181) In the matter of the Pass-Through of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding the Montana Consumer Counsel and Public Service Commission (D2016.9.72 and D2016.9.73).

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the requests by NorthWestern Energy and Montana Dakota Utilities to accrue under and over collections of the fees until the next general rate case. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(182) In the matter of N2016.9.71: Sage Energy Trading, LLC's application for gas supplier license.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the application. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state travel of Elizabeth Torske to Bismarck, ND to conduct a joint state pipeline safety inspection of MDU's Drug and Alcohol Plan and Operator Qualification Plan, December 18-23, 2016. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(184) In the matter of the Annual Pipeline Safety Rulemaking.

Commissioner Lake moved to AUTHORIZE staff to file the annual pipeline safety rulemaking notice. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

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



TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner



ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Sandy Scherer
Administrative Assistant

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