

Montana Public Service Commission



Kirk Bushman - Commissioner
District 2

Governor Steve Bullock
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Dear Governor Bullock:

With the issuance of Executive Order 18-2015, I respectfully submit my name for consideration to serve on the recently established rule 111(d) compliance advisory council as a representative from the Montana Public Service Commission.

As a current commissioner on the Montana Public Service Commissions, I believe that my knowledge and experience in the realm of utility regulation would be a valuable resource necessary to addressing the serious challenges ahead of our state if the rule 111(d) "Clean Power Plan" survives legal challenge.

Implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" will force the state of Montana to reassemble how we generate and transport electricity, likely resulting in significant negative impacts to ratepayers across the state, regardless of the solution we come up with. Any compliance scenario will almost certainly require significant statutory and administrative changes, with the Public Service Commission responsible for implementing a large portion of these modifications.

It is imperative that discussions among this council be practical, and grounded in reality, rather than unrealistic and driven by wishful thinking. I feel obligated to ensure that any potential recommendations brought to you for implementing the "Clean Power Plan" be down-to-earth, workable solutions that aim to mitigate the devastating effects that this plan will inevitably have on ratepayers and taxpayers across the state.

Your comments following the release of the final rule suggest that you recognize how detrimental this rule will be to the state of Montana, and I look forward to working with you to represent Montana's interest.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Bushman".

Commissioner Kirk Bushman
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