

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner
Randall Pinocci, Commissioner

Robin Arnold was presented with a Certificate by Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division Administrator.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:10:44)

Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services Division

(157) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 19, 2019.

Vice Chairman Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 19, 2019. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:11:01)

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(158) In the matter of Staff's request for approval for out-of-state travel for Luke Casey to attend the Basics Regulatory Training Course in Albuquerque, NM, from October 14-18, 2019.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Staff's request for out-of-state travel for Luke Casey for October 14-18, 2019. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:12:22)

Luke Casey, Legal Division

(159) In the matter of 2010.06.060 North Star Planned Unit Development's Application to Increase Rates; Petition for Late Intervention of Aquaflo, LLC.

Chairman Johnson moved to GRANT the Late Intervention of Aquaflo, LLC. Vice Chairman Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:14:45)

Grant Fink, Regulatory Division
Luke Casey, Legal Division

(160) In the matter of 2018.02.011 Miller Oil Company d/b/a the City Line's Application of its monthly propane cost tracker true-up.

Vice Chairman Lake moved to GRANT interim approval of Miller Oil Company's monthly propane cost tracker true-up, pending completion of rulemaking to implement SB 244. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:19:21)

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division
Zack Rogala, Legal Division

(161) In the matter of 2019.08.046 NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Authority to Issue Securities.

Vice Chairman Lake moved to APPROVE NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Authority to Issue Securities. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:21:09)

Zack Rogala, Legal Division

(162) In the matter of 2018.10.068 Northern Telephone Cooperative's Use of Funds Received as a Certified Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Northern filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order 7638b.

Commissioner Pinocci moved to APPROVE Staff's recommendations for the Commission to waive the 20-day deadline to issue a decision on Northern Telephone Cooperative's Motion for Reconsideration of Order 7638b; grant Northern's request for oral argument; stay the Commission's decision on Northern's Motion until after oral argument; and stay Northern's deadline to respond. Vice Chairman Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:24:27)

Grant Fink, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(163) In the matter of 2018.09.063 HLH, LLC's Application to Increase Rates.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE a final order consistent with Staff's proposed order, with the exception of amending paragraph 29 to remove Montana Code Annotated references and cite Administrative Rules of Montana for rate cases. Vice Chairman Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:29:55)

Zack Rogala, Legal Division

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(164) In the matter of 2018.08.53 Notice of Rulemaking, amending ARM 38.2.3301 pertaining to discovery procedures, with the Montana Secretary of State.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to APPROVE Staff's recommendation to file with the Montana Secretary of State its proposed Notice of Rulemaking, amending ARM 38.2.3301 pertaining to discovery procedures. Vice Chairman Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Video (0:44:51)

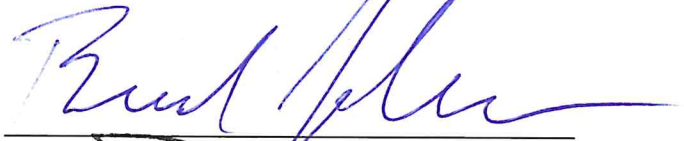
Robin Arnold, Regulatory Division

Zack Rogala, Legal Division

(165) In the matter of opening a docket for the Commission to study the implementation of SB 244, passed in the 2019 Legislative Session and effective May 8, 2019, requiring "identical treatment" of utilities if cost-tracking adjustments are approved.

Vice Chairman Lake moved to APPROVE Staff's recommendation for the Commission to open a rulemaking docket to begin discussion with stakeholders on how to implement SB 244. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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



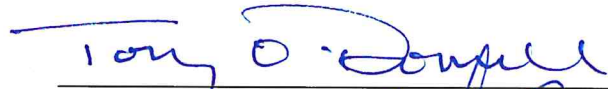
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



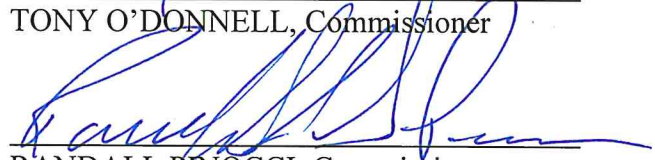
BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman



ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner



RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Vicki LaFond-Smith, Commission Secretary

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