

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Office in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 01, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., a quorum was met with the following members present:

Brad Molnar, President  
Jennifer Fielder, Vice President  
Randy Pinocci, Commissioner  
Annie Bukacek, Commissioner  
Jeffrey Welborn, Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Williams – NorthStar Subdivision resident

Mr. Williams Commented on inadequate services from NorthStar Subdivision.

APPEARANCE

Barbara Long, Assistant Commission Secretary

(88) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 23, 2025.

Vice President Fielder moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 23, 2025. Commissioner Welborn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Amanda Webster, Legal Division  
Grant Fink, Regulatory Division

(89) 2024.07.076 – NorthWestern Energy – Application to Implement an Annual Natural Gas Supply Tracking Adjustment – To consider approving interim rate adjustments for natural gas service provided on and after July 1, 2025.

Commissioner Bukacek moved the Commission to APPROVE the requested rate adjustment on an interim basis beginning on July 1, 2025; to issue the draft order as the Commission's final Interim order, and to authorize staff to make any non-substantive edits as needed. Vice President Fielder seconded the motion, which passed vote 4-1, with Commission Welborn dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Brooke Umsted, Regulatory Division

(90) 2025.06.046 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co – Montana-Dakota's Application to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment – To consider whether to issue an Interim Order approving Montana-Dakota's requested fuel and power cost adjustment.

Commissioner Pinocci moved to approve the requested rate adjustment on an interim basis beginning on July 1, 2025; to issue the draft order as the Commission's final interim order, and to authorize staff to make non-substantive edits as needed. Commissioner Bukacek seconded the motion, which passed vote 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division  
Lucas Hamilton, Legal Division

(91) Internal Policy Manual (IPM) - To discuss the meaning and scope of Section 2.5 of the Delegation policy.

President Molnar moved that staff PROCESS the redline tariff and stipulate it becomes effective in the next 9 months or when the case is settled by the Commission or courts. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion.

Vice President Fielder moved an alternative motion that the Commission INTERPRET the reference to "uncontested rate schedules" in Section 2.5 of the Commission Internal Policy Manual (IPM) to include rates schedules submitted pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §69-3-302. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bukacek, which passed 3-2, with President Molnar and Commissioner Pinocci dissenting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

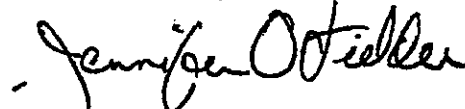
President Brad Molnar, District 2

The next Commission Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 08, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



BRAD MOLNAR, President



JENNIFER FIELDER, Vice President



RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner



ANNIE BUKACEK, Commissioner



JEFF WELBORN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Barbara Long, Assistant Commission Secretary

