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 20, 2022, at 9:31 a.m., a quorum was met with the following members present.

James Brown, President  
Brad Johnson, Vice President, excused  
Tony O’Donnell, Commissioner, excused  
Randy Pinocci, Commissioner  
Jennifer Fielder, Commissioner

ANNOUNCEMENT  
President James Brown, District 3

The following agenda items were deferred until further notice; number three, Docket 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy’s Gas and Electric General Rate Case, and number four, Litigation Status Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT  
None

APPEARANCE  
Patricia Trooien, Commission Secretary

(132) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of September 12, 2022.

Commissioner Fielder moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 12, 2022. Commissioner Pinocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Ben Reed, Legal Division  
Shannon Hiem, Legal Counsel for NorthWestern Energy

(133) 2022.04.051 – Commission Initiated – NorthWestern Energy’s acquisition of Sleepy Hollow Oil and Gas assets – To review the Final Order proposed by NorthWestern.

Commissioner Pinocci moved to APPROVE NorthWestern’s application to purchase Sleepy Hollow Oil and Gas assets, to ISSUE the Proposed Final Order, and DIRECT staff to delete paragraphs 22 and 26, and to make non-substantive clerical amendments where appropriate. Commissioner Fielder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

Commissioner Pinocci moved to DIRECT staff to convert the Draft Comments into the Final Comments document and ISSUE the Comments. Commissioner Fielder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
None

(135) Work Session item number three, 2022.07.078 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern’s Gas and Electric General Rate Case was deferred until Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

APPEARANCE
None

(136) Work Session item number four, Litigation Status Update was deferred until further notice.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

JAMES BROWN, President

BRAD JOHNSON, Vice President

TONY O’DONNELL, Commissioner

RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner

JENNIFER FIELDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Patricia Trooien, Commission Secretary