

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 6, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
 Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
 Bob Anderson, Commissioner
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner
 Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
 Utility Division

(191) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.3.46; On March 20, 1996, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 96-01 to revise its Montana tariff. The revisions increase rates for various services, add new options to Operator Assisted Calling, and make minor textual changes. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the revisions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(192) In the matter of PACIFICORP - Docket D96.4.63; On April 18, 1996, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$250,000,000 of its No Par Serial Preferred Stock. The Company is requesting this authority for the purpose of retaining flexibility in the options available for the Company's financing plans, including the possible refunding of some of its higher cost preferred stock. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Default Order No. 5912. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang
 Transportation Division

(193) In the matter of Docket T-95.20.PCN; Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class B - Passengers between points and places within Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lincoln, and Missoula Counties. Limitations: 1) Transportation must originate or terminate within Flathead County. 2) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 3) Operations of vehicles in excess of seven passengers is prohibited. 4) Operation in charter service is prohibited. 5) Operations as a limousine is prohibited. 6) Transportation of nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients to or from Missoula or Lincoln Counties is prohibited.

Protests were received and a hearing was held. Commissioner Rowe on April 11, 1996, issued Proposed Order No. 6401 denying the application. No exceptions or requests for oral argument have been received.

Commissioner Rowe moved to accept the proposed order as final and issue Final Order No. 6401. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(194) In the matter of Docket T-96.25.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 8920, Dan Kautz dba V.I.P. Limousine, Billings, Montana, for failure to file required liability insurance. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received with no response from the motor carrier.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Yellowstone and Sweetgrass Counties. Limitations:
1) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation is limited to five (5) passengers or less per vehicle and further limited to limousine transportation only. 3) Reservations for limousine service must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 4) Transportation as a taxi or jitney is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 8920. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(195) In the matter of TN1791; Kurt Adam Slonka dba Captain=s Chair, Kalispell, Montana requests additional suspension of PSC No. 9368 from May 1, 1996 to November 1, 1996.

Class B - Nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients from Flathead and Lincoln Counties to medical appointments at health care facilities in Missoula County and return; from Lincoln County to medical appointments at health care facilities in Flathead County and return. Limitations: 1) Transportation of passengers in charter service is prohibited. 2) Transportation is limited to vehicles with a passenger capacity of eight (8) or less.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the additional suspension of PSC No. 9368 until November 1, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(196) In the matter of TN1792; David E. Marshall dba Elkhorn Excursions, Boulder, Montana requests a final six month suspension for PSC No. 9371, April 23, 1996 to October 23, 1996.

Class B - Passengers between radon health mines located in Jefferson County and points located within Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Powell & Silver Bow Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation is limited to that provided with vehicles having a rated seating capacity of twelve (12) passengers or less. (2) Transportation of passengers in charter service is prohibited. (3) Transportation of railroad crews is prohibited. (4) Transportation by limousines is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the final six month suspension of PSC No. 9371. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(197) In the matter of the approval of the June 1996 Calendar; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

NANCY McCaffree, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(198) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of requests on interconnection agreements - Docket Nos. N96.3.47 and N96.4.60; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct the Chair to write each local exchange company to require notification of the PSC of any requests for interconnection under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

(199) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Co. and an order concerning service to outside exchanges - Docket No. D96.4.57; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the order as amended to keep the docket open. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(200) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Centrex Plus and PTI Digitrex II service

- Docket Nos. D96.2.15 and D96.4.53; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft of a Notice of Commission Action consolidating dockets and amending the procedural schedule. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe then moved to approve the protective order as amended. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(201) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Non-tariffed Light for the Montana Power Company - Docent No. N96.4.64; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve, on a conditional basis, MPC's offering certain lighting at the same tariffs as present tariffs as requested by MPC pending the resolution of D96.3.33. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Martin Jacobson

(202) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Smith v MPC - complaint regarding voltage range; Commissioner Anderson moved to accept staff recommendation and deny the complaint of Mr. Smith. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(203) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Jensen v MPC, complaint regarding a claim in Chouteau, Montana as a result of a natural gas failure - Docket No. D96.6.93. Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to conduct an investigation of facts and circumstances concerning Mr. Jensen's complaint and MPC's response. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin

(204) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and travel; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve out-of-state travel for Mike Sheard and Ron Woods to attend the 2nd Annual Conference of the Consortium of Research on Telecommunications Policy, May 20 & 11, 1996 in Evanston, Illinois.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 13, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending meetings in Washington, D.C., but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(205) In the matter of PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.67; On April 24, 1996, PTI

Communications filed Tariff Advice No. 96-2 to propose adding Three-Way Calling as a new detariffed casual calling feature. A staff memo was distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(206) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.74; On April 26, 1996, US

West filed Tariff Transmittal 96-20 to introduce Remote Access Forwarding and Scheduled Forwarding as two new detariffed services. The company also proposes a six-week free installation promotion of the new services and a 60-day money-back guarantee. A staff memo was distributed. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(207) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.66; On April 23, 1996, MCI

Telecommunications Corp. filed Tariff Transmittal Letter No. 96-03, proposing to add textual changes to Option C (MCI 800 Service). The terms AMCI 800 Service@, A888 Service@, and/or AToll Free Service@; and the terms A800 number@, A888 number@, and AToll Free Number@, can be used interchangeable when used throughout the tariff. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(208) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.73; On April 26, 1996, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 96-19 to introduce a promotion which offers Business Customer Caller ID and Call Waiting services with no non-recurring charge for the period from May 15, 1996, through June 15, 1996. USWC provided proprietary financial support to waive the non-recurring charge for these services. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(209) In the matter of SPRINT - Docket N96.4.65; On April 17, 1996, Sprint filed for revisions to their Montana tariff. The revisions are to introduce new FONCARD services and make some minor text changes. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(210) U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.72; On April 26, 1996, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 96-18 which proposed a promotional offering for 800 SERVICELINE purchasers in Montana. During the promotional period the non-recurring charge will be waived for customers ordering 800 SERVICELINE. The dates of the promotion are May 6, 1996 through June 15, 1996 for business customers and from May 20, 1996 through June 29, 1996 for residential customers. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(211) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMM., INC. - Docket N96.4.69; On April 25, 1996, CMC filed proposed revisions to their tariff. These revisions are to better define what CMC classifies as business use of a line when determining how an access line should be billed and adding 1-800 blocking to the 1-900 blocking provision. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(212) The following two items were voted on by the Commission as one item.
See motion below:

Item 1) In the matter of T96.25.OTSC; Dan Kautz dba V.I.P. Limousine, Billings, Montana, has requested reinstatement of PSC No. 8920. The authority was cancelled for failure to file required liability insurance on May 6, 1996. The motor carrier has submitted the required affidavit of no accidents and request for suspension.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Yellowstone and Sweetgrass Counties. Limitations:
1) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation is limited to five (5) passengers or less per vehicle and further limited to limousine transportation only. 3) Reservations for

limousine service must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 4)
Transportation as a taxi or jitney is
prohibited.

Item 2) TN1793; Dan Kautz dba V.I.P. Limousine, Billings, Montana requests
suspension of PSC No.
8920 from May 3, 1996 to November 3, 1996.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Yellowstone and
Sweetgrass Counties. Limitations:
1) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 2)
Transportation is limited to five (5)
passengers or less per vehicle and further limited to limousine transportation
only. 3) Reservations for
limousine service must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 4)
Transportation as a taxi or jitney is
prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the Motion for Reconsideration, to
reinstate PSC No. 8920 and
grant suspension of PSC No. 8920 for the period of May 3, 1996 to November 3,
1996. Commissioner
Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson
left his proxy to Chair
McCaffree. Chair casts his vote as aye.

(213) TN1794; Charles R. Irvin, Shelby, Montana requests permission to
continue the lease of PSC No.
1086 to Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana for one year, May 25, 1996 to May
25, 1997.

Class C - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and to or from points tributary
thereto, but not exceeding fifty
(50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation
of property between points
served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating
between fixed termini or over
a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, waste, refuse,
rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the continuation of lease for PSC No. 1086
for a period of one year.
Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner
Anderson voted
aye.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on May 13, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending meetings in Washington, D.C., but participated in the following work session via telephone hookup.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Denise Peterson, Dave Burchett, Eric Eck, Jeaneen Campbell, Will Rosquist

(214) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's General Natural Gas and Electric Request for Rates - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order approving a stipulation entered into by MPC, Montana Consumer Counsel and the Large Customer Group. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson dissented.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order which approves a stipulation entered into by MPC, District II HRDC, and the Montana Department of Public Health. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order which includes a plant addition, known as the Blackfeet Loop, into the calculation of revenue requirements in this docket. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(215) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area Service - Docket Nos. D96.2.27, D95.10.146, and D95.10.147; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the staff draft of notices, subject to editing, in D96.2.27, D95.10.146, and D95.10.147. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the district court order reversing the PSC and the merits of appeal to the Montana Supreme Court in Docket T-95.33.DR/Grouse Mountain; Commissioner Fisher moved to appeal the District Court decision of the Grouse Mountain Case to the Montana Supreme Court. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, David Burchett

(217) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of scheduling and procedural issues in Mountain Water / Missoula Division - Docket No. D96.4.61; Commissioner Rowe moved to amend the procedural schedule clarifying the portion regarding data requests service. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a protective order which would state that corporate presidents, vice presidents and general managers would not be subject to protection under the order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which failed. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Anderson, Fisher and Oberg dissented.

Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a standard protective order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, May 15, 1996 the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was attending a Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE
Mike Sheard

(218) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Interconnection NPRM - FCC Docket No. 96-98;
Commissioner Rowe moved that the PSC sign off on state comments to FERC Docket No. 96-45 and 96-98. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(219) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Restructuring Docket D95.7.96;

Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the notice with the principles. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang, Wayne Budt

(220) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Transportation Rules regarding final action on proposed amendment of rule defining "household goods" and repeal of rules no longer needed. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue an amendment of the rule defining "household goods" and repeal the rules not longer needed. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(221) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Transportation Receipt Content Rules regarding the proposed receipt content rule for motor carriers; Commissioner Fisher moved to issue the proposed receipt content rule for motor carriers. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(222) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for David Burchett to audit Mountain Water Company in Downey, California, June 8-14. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(223) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize Robin McHugh to hire a temporary employee to catalog the library with a completion date of June 21, 1996. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 20, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
 Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner
 Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
 Bonnie Lorang
 Transportation Division

(224) In the matter of Docket T-95.76.PCN; Robert and Jamie Lindburg, Bigfork, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity seeking authorization to transport passengers, Class B, 1) within the town of Bigfork, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof; 2) between points located within Bigfork, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof on the one hand and Glacier International Airport on the other hand; and 3) from Bigfork, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof to Kalispell, Montana. Limitations: Transportation of passengers in limousines is prohibited.

Protests were filed and a hearing was held. Commissioner Rowe issued Proposed Order No. 6404 on April 23, 1996, granting the application in part and denying the application in part. No exceptions have been received. The docket is ready for final action, granting the following:

Class B - Passengers within the town of Bigfork, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Limitation:
 Transportation of passengers in limousines is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the proposed order as final and issue Order No. 6404A. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, May 22, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe participated in the following work sessions via telephone conference call.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Tina Shorten, Kate Whitney

(225) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Shope v Montana Power Company complaint; Commissioner Fisher moved to dismiss the complaint of Shope v MPC. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(226) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a stipulation settling the case of Lone Mountain Springs - Docket No. D95.8.113; Commissioner Fisher moved to accept the stipulation and approve the final order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Ron Woods, Mike Lee

(227) In the matter of the Commission's reconsideration of motions of the Commission's final order in the general rate case of Montana Dakota Utilities, Inc. natural gas utility - D95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order adopting staff recommendations on the reserved issues in the case. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

Commissioner Oberg moved to deny the motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion. The vote was tied, 2-2. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree and Rowe dissented. The issue was deferred for further consideration upon call of chair. Motion was

passed 3-2 with Commissioner Anderson voting aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Ron Woods

(228) In the matter of Valley Telecom - Docket Nos. N95.12.184 and N95.11.173; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue the order as drafted by staff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Fisher dissented.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Karen Hammel

(229) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications tariff filing and a request from MCI to suspend the filing - Docket No. N96.4.74; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny MCI's request without prejudice, but encourage further negotiations between MCI and USWC. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Denise Peterson

(230) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Decoupling Mechanism - Docket No. N96.4.68; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant an extension as requested by MPC until May 31, 1996. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Kate Whitney

(231) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget; Commissioner Oberg moved to authorize out-of-state travel for up to 4 staff members to the NARUC Summer Meetings in Los Angeles, July 21-24, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to purchase an 800 number for consumer complaints and develop an implementation plan. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, May 28, 1996, the following members were present:

- Nancy McCaffree, Chair
- Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Danny Oberg, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(232) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket D95.9.128; On September 21, 1995, Montana Power filed for rate increased to their electric and natural gas rates. On April 17, 1996 the Commission received a settlement stipulation from MPC, the Montana Consumer Counsel and the Large Customer Group. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant Final Order No 5865d. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(233) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket D95.9.128; Pursuant to the request by the stipulating parties in MPC Docket D95.9.128, an Accounting Order regarding the modified amortization method for accumulated deferred investment tax credit has been drafted. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the Order No. 5865e. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(234) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET 95.6.26; On June 5, 1995, MPC filed an application with the Commission for approval to convert from volumetric billing (Mcf basis) to therm billing (dekatherm basis). Under therm billing all customers will pay the same amount for an identical amount of heat. Therm billing will also help MPC more closely match natural gas costs with natural gas revenues received. Commissioner Anderson moved to grant Final Order No. 5860a. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Oberg and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

(235) In the matter of HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE CO - Docket N96.5.77; On May 1,

1996, Hot Springs Telephone Co. filed applications to provide a new detariffed Internet Access Service. In the application, Hot Springs requests a partial waiver of ARM 38.5.2735(1)(f) regarding incremental cost information. The Company requests that a reports be filed with the Commission after they have offered the service for 12 months. A memo recommending approval was distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the partial waiver of ARM 38.5.2735(1)(f). Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(236) In the matter of HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE CO - Docket N96.5.78; On May 1, 1996, Hot Springs Telephone Co. filed applications to provide a new detariffed service called Distinctive Ring (or Teen) Service. In the application, Hot Springs requests a partial waiver of ARM 38.5.2735(1)(f) regarding incremental cost information. The Company requests that a report be filed with the Commission after they have offered the service for 12 months. A memo recommending approval was distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the new detariffed service. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(237) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.5.80; On May 10, 1996, US West filed to introduce a promotion to offer Caller ID with no non-recurring charge and the first month free to new residential subscribers for the period June 5 through July 16, 1996. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(238) In the matter of WEST YELLOWSTONE GAS CO. - Docket D95.12.194; On March 12, 1996, the PSC issued Interim Order No. 5902 in Docket No. D95.12.194 granting West Yellowstone Gas Co. (WYG) a waiver from the provisions of Title 49, CFR, Part 193 of the U.S. DOT Pipeline Safety Regulations. This waiver allows WYG to operate and maintain a portable LNG pipeline unit in West Yellowstone Montana as a backup to its permanent storage facility in the event of an emergency whereby the permanent storage facility becomes disabled. That Order was contingent upon approval from the U.S. DOT, Office of Pipeline Safety OPS). OPS neither rejected or concurred with the waiver within sixty days, thereby granting the waiver by default. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant Final Order No 5902a. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(239) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket D95.9.128; In order to simplify Docket D95.9.128, the CNG, Moulton, and Shoshone issues were transferred to Docket No. D96.2.22. An Accounting Order has been draft to allow the Company to accumulate revenues associated with the CNG and Moulton deferred issues as of July 1, 1996, and to continue to reflect treatment of the capital investment related to the Shoshone deferred issue through the GTAC mechanism. Approval of the recovery of any accumulated revenues in rates will be addressed Docket No. D96.2.22. Commissioner

Fisher moved to approve Accounting Order No. 5865f. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(240) In the matter of Docket T-96.27.PCN; Raphael R. Roberts dba Airport Shuttler, Missoula, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following:

Class B - Passengers (a) from hotels, motels, businesses, and residences within the city of Missoula, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof to the Missoula International Airport and (b) from Missoula International Airport to hotels, motels, businesses, and residences within the City of Missoula and a ten (10) mile radius thereof. All transportation under this certificate will either originate or terminate at Missoula International Airport. Limitations: (1) Transportation is limited to suburban/van service and excludes motor coaches, buses, and limousines. Limousine and charter services are prohibited. (2) Transportation of groups requiring a vehicle with rated seating capacity of nine (9) passenger or more is prohibited. (3) Transportation of airline passengers who are being transported by alternate means from Missoula International Airport as a result of weather related problems or airport closure is prohibited. (4) Transportation of all athletic teams, student organizations, and other groups in competition with the University of Montana is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the stipulated agreement. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(241) In the matter of TN1795; Kevin W. McCann dba Valley Coach/Commuter, Missoula, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9282 to L & B Busing, Inc., Florence, Montana for six months, May 20, 1996 to November 20, 1996.

Class B - Passengers and their baggage in commuter service, between all points and places within Ravalli and Missoula Counties. Limitations: 1. Transportation of passengers in charter, limousine, or taxicab service is prohibited. 2. Service to Missoula County Airport, Missoula Bus Depot, & Trapper Creek Job Corp. is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant permission to continue to lease PSC No. 9282 for six months.

(242) In the matter of TN1796; Karst Stage, Inc., Bozeman, Montana requests to suspend Subs F & J of PSC No. 3596 for a 12 month period of time commencing May 28, 1996 and terminating May 28, 1997.

Class A - Persons (mail, baggage and express in the same vehicle with persons) between Livingston and Gardiner, Montana, over U.S. Highway 89.

Class A - Persons (mail, baggage and express in the same vehicle with persons) between Red Lodge and Silver Gate, Montana, over U.S. Highway 12 during Yellowstone Park Season only.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the suspension of Sub F and Sub J for six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, May 29, 1996, the following members were present:

- Nancy McCaffree, Chair
- Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner
- Danny Oberg, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(243) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities Integrated Resource Plan - Docket No. D95.9.135; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to draft a response to MDU's IRP filing with deficiencies as outlined by staff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Nina Wines, Tina Shorten

(244) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of complaint handling

procedures; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to implement a toll-free 800 consumer complaint line. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nina Wines

(245) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of World Com, Inc., dba LDDS Worldcom - Docket No. N96.5.79; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve revisions to three Montana price list tariffs, proposing to add Item 4.5.7.8, Term Commitment Liability. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Robin McHugh

(246) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's electric cost of service filing and stipulation - Docket No. D96.3.33; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order approving the stipulation outlining three concerns of staff as being concerns of the Commission. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

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(SEAL)

Minutes.....May 6, 1996 10:00 a.m.

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