

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 3, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(55) In the matter of Docket T-96.120.PCN - Vance L. and Jackie L. Johnson dba V & J Taxi Service, Sidney, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Richland County.
Limitation: Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(56) In the matter of Docket T-96.121.PCN - Dean M. & Eva M. Gross dba The Taxi, Glendive, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers within the City of Glendive, Montana and between points tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.

Limitations: (1) Transportation of BNSF train crews is prohibited, and (2) Transportation of passengers by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(57) In the matter of TN1842 - Karst Stage, Inc., Bozeman, Montana requests authorization to suspend Class A, scheduled service, specifically PSC No. 3596 Subs F & J for a one year period January 28, 1997 to January 28, 1998.

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 McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No. 3596 Subs F & J for a period of one year.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(58) In the matter of TN1843 - Hall Transit Charter, Inc., Great Falls, Montana requests authorization to suspend Class A, scheduled service, held under PSC No. 1766 for a one year period January 28, 1997 to January 28, 1998.

Class A - Persons and express between Kalispell, Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Glacier Park, Browning and Great Falls, Montana, over U.S. Highway No. 93, Montana Highway No. 40,

U.S. Highway No. 2 and U.S. Highway No. 89. Limitations: Regular bus and light express service shall be rendered to the town or village of Pendroy in connection with the operation herein above authorized. The light express service herein authorized is to be conducted on the passenger motor busses operated over the route and the amount of express or baggage that may

be carried shall not be greater than can be safely and conveniently carried without causing discomfort to the passengers.

Class B - Persons by charter from any point authorized to be served in regular Class "A" service to any and all points in the State of Montana. This certificate is incident to certificate of public convenience and necessity, M.R.C. No. 1766, authorizing Class "A" service and may not be separately sold or leased. Limitations: (a) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited. (b) The charter trip must originate or terminate in the area authorized to be served by the carrier in regular Class "A" service. (c) Charter service, except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Class A - Persons, baggage and express from intersection of U.S. #89 and Mont. #216, 9 miles north of Dupuyer, Montana to Valier, Montana, via Mont. #216, thence to Cut Bank, Montana, via Mont. #358 and U.S. #2, thence to Browning, Montana, via U.S. #2, serving all intermediate points, subject to the following: Limitations: The transportation of express originating in Great Falls, Montana, and destined to Cut Bank, Montana, is to be prohibited.

Class A - Persons between Browning, Montana and Havre, Montana, via U.S. Highway No. 2.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the suspension request. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(59) In the matter of the approval of the Commission's March 1997 Calendar; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(60) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 27, 1997. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(61) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Natural Gas Case - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant an additional extension of suspension of the procedural schedule for further review the week of February 24, 1997. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(62) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's ISDN filing - Docket No. D96.7.121; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion by USWC for an additional 60 days and direct that a new procedural schedule be developed. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Rowe, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(63) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's Quality of Service matters and amendments to lawsuit settlement; Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the staff recommendation and revise the targets due to reporting problems and direct the staff to prepare appropriate document. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
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Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending a Restructuring meeting but left his votes as noted on the following issues.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(64) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Citizens/Montana Communications negotiated agreement on interconnection - Docket No. D96.11.191; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the resale agreements but reject contract provision IV.C..2. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson voted aye via proxy to Commissioner Rowe. Commissioner Oberg abstained.

(65) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's Rate Rebalancing - Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order clarifying the Commission's previous order waiving certain rules about revenue requirement information in the context of consideration of this filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Anderson voted aye upon his return. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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, February 5, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Ron Woods, Mike Sheard

(66) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D96.9.150 - Western Wireless Cooperations Petition for arbitration pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 of the Rules, Terms and Conditions of Interconnection with US West Communications, Inc.; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a final order on arbitrated agreement approving the agreement subject to editing (Final Order No 5949c). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, 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, February 10, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(67) In the matter of US West Communications - Docket N97.1.11; On January 24, 1997, US West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-04, "Start Up Business Packages", introducing "Expansion Business Packages" which are designed to serve growth needs of customers who have had a business account with USWC for longer than 24 months. This filing compliments the filing of "Start Up Business Packages" which was approved and became effective January 15, 1997. "Expansion Business Packages" was a notice item on Agenda No. 97-2-3. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(68) In the matter of MCI Telecommunications - Docket N97.1.13; On January 24, 1996, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-01 reflecting minor text changes, proposing to grandfather the following Premier Calling Plans: Advance Option I, MCI Sure Savings Option, Sure Save Sense, and Sure Save Reach. This was a notice item on Agenda 97-2-3. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(69) In the matter of US West Communications - Docket N97.1.10; On January 24, 1997, US West Communications filed a promotional rate reduction for residential and business customers who subscribe to Caller ID or Caller Identification - Name and Number during the period of February 17 through March 28, 1997. The new customers would receive a waiver of the non-recurring charge of \$11.25. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the promotional rate reduction. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(70) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.12; USWC has filed tariff changes to reduce monthly rates for Residential Message Voice Notification from \$3.50 to \$3.00. Minor text changes have also been filed which do not impact rates, terms or conditions. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(71) In the matter of Docket T-96.111.PCN; Amended and expanded operating authority was granted to David & Paula Creech dba Quarter Circle PK Taxi Service, Cut Bank, Montana, PSC No. 9381, on November 25, 1996. Compliance has never been met. An Order to Show Cause for failure to meet compliance was issued on January 21, 1997 and received by the motor carrier on January 28,

1997 with no response. Staff recommends cancellation of the operating authority granted under Docket T-96.111.PCN.

Class B - Passengers 1) between all points and places within Glacier County; and 2) from points in Glacier County to the Great Falls International Airport and return. Amended by Docket T-96.111.PCN and will be cancelled. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. Utilization of vehicles with a rated seating capacity of more than six (6) passengers is prohibited. Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within a 100 mile radius of Browning, Montana. Limitations: Transportation to, from or between points within Toole and Liberty Counties is prohibited. Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. Granted by Docket T-96.111.PCN and will be cancelled.

After this action, the carriers authority remains as follows: Class B - Passengers 1) between all points and places within Glacier County; and 2) from points in Glacier County to the Great Falls International Airport. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. Utilization of vehicles with a rated seating capacity of more than six (6) passengers is prohibited. Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant cancellation of amended authority granted in PSC No. 9381 in T-96.111.PCN. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(72) In the matter of Docket T-97.2.OTSC; Staff recommends cancellation of PSC No. 9371, David E. Marshall dba Elkhorn Excursions, Boulder, Montana for failure to reactivate following twelve months of consecutive suspension. An Order to Show has been issued and received by the motor carrier, with no response.

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 grant cancellation of PSC No. 9371. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(73) In the matter of TN1844; Westgate Enterprises, Inc. a Montana corporation, Bozeman, Montana requests authorization to continue the lease of PSC No. 3155 to Waste Management Partners of Bozeman, Ltd., Red Bluff, California for one year, February 5, 1997 to February 5, 1998.

Class D - Solid waste in forty (40) yard boxes as a common carrier, between all points and places in Madison County, Montana.

Class D - Garbage or solid waste in forty (40) yard roll-off containers between all points and places within Beaverhead County, Montana. Limitations: Transportation within the town of Dillon, Montana, and a fifteen (15) mile radius thereof is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant permission to continue to lease PSC No. 3155 for a period of one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(74) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 3, 1997. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(75) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Citizens - US West Communications, Inc.
Arbitration - Docket No. D96.11.191 and Montana Communications - US West Communications, Inc.
Arbitration - Docket No. D96.11.198; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft approving the interconnection agreement with the exception regarding a contract clause on page 7 dealing with restricting transfer of accounts in arrears. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(76) In the matter of USWC - Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for late intervention by Northwest Payphone Systems. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, 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, February 12, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(77) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area Service - Docket Nos. D95.10.146 and D95.10.147; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the order as amended and subject to editing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(78) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of post technical conference issues discussion - Docket D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to require US West to provide a list of services they will not provide (TSLRIC) cost studies for in this proceeding by a date certain; to be provided to all the parties for comment within five days. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, 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, February 18, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(79) In the matter of Worldcom, Inc., Docket N97.1.14 - On January 30, 1997, WorldCom, Inc., filed Montana Price List Tariff reflecting the cancellation of the trade name "LDDS WorldCom", pursuant to the Commission's Default Order No. 5946- 15224 in Docket No. 96.9.151-0363 dated Oct. 2, 1996. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Price List Tariff as filed. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(80) In the matter of Central Montana Communications, Inc., - Docket N97.2.18; On February 3, 1997, Central Montana Communications, Inc., filed a request for a boundary change in the White Sulphur Springs Telephone Exchange. The changes pertain to the addition of a number of Sections of land to the Western boundaries of the exchange. These additions are necessary to accommodate the lines needed by the Grassy Mountain Subdivision, which CMC already serves. The additional Sections are in previously "unclaimed territory". Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the request for a boundary change in the White Sulphur Springs Telephone Exchange. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(81) In the matter of US West Communications - Docket N97.1.17; On February 3, 1997, US West Communications filed a new tariff page that was inadvertently left out of the package when the company filed its approved cable, wire and termination policy in December 1996. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the new tariff page as filed. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(82) In the matter of Docket T-97.3.PCN; On January 22, 1997, the Commission granted temporary operating authority to Snowy Mountain Charters, Inc., Lewistown, Montana for thirty days. Protests by Ron and Debbie Kindsfather (1) dba Limo Scene Limousine Service and (2) dba Billings Trolley Co. have been received. Snowy Mountain Charters, Inc. is requesting a 90 day extension of the temporary authority:

Class B - Passengers in charter service between Fergus County and the Billings, Montana, regional airport.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the 90-day extension of the temporary authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, 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, February 19, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Mike Lee

(83) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a final order on the ASIMI rate filing - Docket D96.6.106; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Order No. 5924b, approving the ASIMI rate filing with certain conditions subject to editing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(84) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications/Mid-Rivers Interconnection Agreement - Docket D97.2.19; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a notice of receipt of an interconnection Agreement between US West Communications and Mid-Rivers with procedural dates. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(85) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Flathead Valley/PTI Complaint - Docket D96.9.152; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a protective order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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, February 24, 1997, the following members were present:

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

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the NARUC Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(86) In the matter of Docket T-97.3.PCN - Snowy Mountain Charters, Inc., Lewistown, MT 59457 has filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Class B - Passengers in charter service (1) between all points and places in the State of Montana. Transportation must originate and terminate in Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum, or Wheatland Counties. (2) between points in Fergus County and the Billings Regional Airport.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, 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, February 25, 1997, the following members were present:

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

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the NARUC Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Rowe left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson did not leave votes on the following items.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott

(87) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's natural gas case and pending motions - Docket D96.2.22; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action which grants Montana Power Company's motion, in part, for continued suspension of the procedural schedule provided;

1. Montana Power Company file stipulations with the Public Service Commission by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 5, 1997;
2. that parties may be afforded an opportunity to file written arguments by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 14, 1997; and
3. That a stipulation presentation/hearing be scheduled for the week of March 17, 1997. At said presentation testimony and oral arguments will be entertained on both the merits of the stipulation and MHA Ventures pending motion to reinstitute procedural schedule.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4 - 0.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Bonnie Lorang, Will Rosquist

(88) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Digital Switched Service tariff - Docket N97.1.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filings for US West Communication's "DSS Promotion". Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3 - 1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

(89) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the tariff filing to introduce Centrex 21 - Docket N97.2.16; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing #97-07 to "Introduce Centrex 21". Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed 3 - 1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. and did not leave votes on the following item.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(90) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Centrex Plus / Digitrex II withdrawal - Docket D96.2.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Order No. 5905 subject to editing as the final order approving the withdrawal. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3 - 1. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)