

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Rowe, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Brainard was absent and left his proxy with Commissioner Feland.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(114) In the matter of CenturyTel of Montana, Docket No. N2002.2.27; On February 27, 2002 CenturyTel of Montana submitted Tariff Advice No. 02-1 to introduce a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise. CenturyTel desires to offer this promotion from April 1, 2002 through May 31, 2002. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard' s proxy aye.

(115) In the matter of AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., Docket No. N2002.2.23; On February 25, 2002, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2002-07, requesting changes to AT&T' s Montana Local Exchange Services Tariff. This filing introduces AT&T Digital Link ABN \$500.00 Vendor Credit Promotion in Montana. Customers must commit to \$1000.00 of AT&T Digital Link Service usage or AT&T Digital Link Flat Rate Half/Full DS-1 MRC revenue during a six month period after enrollment in this promotion. A location cannot receive more than one credit in a six month period. This promotion is limited to not more than 100 locations. This promotion will expire six months after Commission approval. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard' s proxy aye.

(116) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. D97.11.219; On March 11, 2002, MPC filed its sixth semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by MPC in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service and the actual amounts available to satisfy the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent, MPC is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an over collection of 5.22 percent or \$219,530. The variance was a result of higher actual collections versus the prior estimated collections. The new increased FTA rates include the overcollection. Staff recommends that the increases in the FTA charges be approved effective April 1, 2002. Commissioner Stovall moved to increase the FTA charges. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(117) In the matter of T-02.13.AR; An Order to Show Cause was issued to Kitty Songer dba Big Sky Paramedics, Great Falls, Montana, PSC No. 9402, on January 9, 2002 for failure to file a 2000 Annual Report. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received by the motor carrier on January 24, 2002. There has been no response.

Class B - Passengers in wheelchair service between all points and places in Cascade County.
Limitation: Transportation movements originating and terminating within the city limits of Great Falls, Montana, is limited to the residents of Missouri River Manor, or its successor in interest.

SUB A Class B – Passengers in wheelchair service between all points and places in Cascade County during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sunday.

Commissioner Stovall moved to cancel the authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard’ s proxy aye.

(118) In the matter of T-02.14.AR; An Order to Show Cause was issued to Duane Murray dba Country Home, Malta, Montana, PSC No. 9417, on January 9, 2002 for failure to file a 2000 Annual Report. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received by the motor carrier on January 11, 2002. No report as been filed.

Class B - Non-emergency medical passengers between all points and places in the State of Montana.
LIMITATION: All transportation movements must originate or terminate in Phillips County, Montana.

Commissioner Feland moved to cancel the authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard’ s proxy aye.

(119) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 11, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard’ s proxy aye.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Commissioners Anderson left after the first vote on the first work session, and left written votes and his proxy to Commissioner Rowe on some of the issues.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(120) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company / NorthWestern Energy' s Default Supply Portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the draft order along with acknowledging the deposition. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented.

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the settlement conference petitions and motion. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which failed with a vote of 2-2. Commissioners Brainard and Feland voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson, Leroy Beeby

(121) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Fairmont Hot Springs Initial Sewer Rates, Docket No. D2001.12.173; Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the late intervention of Fairmont Hot Springs Condominium Association. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which failed with a vote of 2-3. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard, Feland and Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Scott Fabel

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T' s Application to Withdraw Sent-Paid Coin Service, Docket No. D2001.12.165; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the application to withdraw sent-paid service. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Tina Shorten

(123) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s I-Called Filing, Docket No. N2002.2.26; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff recommendation (that the filing be approved under the condition that Qwest provide advance notification to affected customers and that Qwest provide the

PSC with the opportunity to review the advance notification letter/bill insert prior to sending it to customers). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel

(124) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan v. Blackfoot and Clark Fork Telecommunications, Docket No. D2000.5.63; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion for reconsideration (of Order Nos. 6235a and 6404). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan v. Blackfoot and Clark Fork Telecommunications, Docket No. D2000.5.63; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Notice of Inquiry subject to edits and additional questions from commissioners, and issue a contested case procedural order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, David Hoffman

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve travel for Steve Vick to Oklahoma City, May 20-24, 2002, and for Joel Tierney to Grand Junction, Colorado, May 20-24, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue.

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