

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Stovall were absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(199) In the matter of Black Hills Power, Docket No. D2002.3.34; On March 25, 2002, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on March 27, 2002. Requests for hearing were due by April 23, 2002. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$6,847 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the rate rider application. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall voted aye.

(200) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2002.4.45; On April 10, 2002, Qwest Communication filed tariff transmittal 02-10. In this filing Qwest is requesting a promotion for Market Expansion Line (MEL) service. During the promotion new or existing business customers who purchase MEL will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge to install the service. The promotion will be available to new or existing business customers who subscribe to the service on new, change or transfer orders. Orders must be placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date beyond the end of the promotional period. The promotion will be offered to business customer only where service is technically available. This promotion is scheduled to run from May 13, 2002 through June 29, 2002. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

(201) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2002.4.46; On APRIL 10, 2002, Qwest Communication filed tariff transmittal 02-11. In this filing Qwest is requesting revised Exchange and Network Service tariff pages for changes to Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), and Uniform Access Solution (UAS). The purpose of this filing is to 1) introduce new bundled 3 and 5 year contract pricing option for Advanced Digital Switched Service(DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), and Uniform Access Solution (UAS). 2) Introduce the standard discount of 50 percent and 100 percent for non-recurring charges for Uniform Access Solution comparable to those offered with discounted DSS and ISDN PRS. 3) introduce discounts for customers migrating from Analog PBX Trunks to Digital Switched Service or Uniform Access Solution as follows: 3 year Rate Stability Plan: Waive Non-Recurring Charges and 5 to 10 year rate stability plan: waive monthly recurring charges for 1 month. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(202) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 22, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall voted 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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APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson, Will Rosquist

(203) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L-02.1.2.-RUL, Proposed Amendment to Rules Pertaining to Electricity Supplier Licensing; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the rule as proposed, subject to minor editing, and publish it in the Montana Administrative Register. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Stovall' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, David Burchett

(204) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cut Bank Gas Company' s Application for a Temporary Rate Increase (followed by a rate decrease), Docket No. D2001.12.176; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the Second Interim Order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Anderson' s proxy aye.

Commissioner Feland moved to adopt the policy regarding gas pass-thrus. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. The vote was left open for Commissioners Anderson and Stovall, who both vote aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(205) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications, Docket No. D2001.7.98; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the protective order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Anderson' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Marla Larson

(206) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative' s Application for Arbitration of Interconnection Terms with WWC Holding, Co., Docket No. D2002.1.3; Commissioner Rowe moved to vacate the hearing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Anderson and Stovall did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(207) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kenneth Wilson, dba Havre Taxi Application for Authority, Docket No. T-02.19.PCN; Commissioner Feland moved to affirm the decision to grant the taxi authority but deny the limousine authority. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Anderson and Stovall' s proxies aye.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Wayne Budt

(208) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Executive Planning Process and Information Technology Report; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the proposed EPP and IT Reports. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Anderson and Stovall' s proxies aye.

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