

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 28, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck
Utility Division

(114) In the matter of NorthWestern Energy March 22, 2006 filed adjustment to its CTC-GP and CTC-RA credit rate schedules. This filing is related to the item from the March 21, 2006 agenda. Both tariff changes will be effective April 1, 2006. The filing will increase credits for FTA-GP, FTA-RA Core, and FTA-RA (Non-Core), and decrease the credit for FTA-RA Utility-Docket No. D97.11.219:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the adjustments to the CTC-GP and CTC-RA credit rate schedules effective April 1, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(115) In the matter of January 11, 2006 Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage (by Shelia Y. Foos, as executor of the estate of Mark L. Foos, Billings, Montana filed request to transfer PSC No. 9332 to Across Montana Cartages, LLC dba Big Sky Sedan Services, Billings, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on February 7, 2006 and no protests were received-Docket No. T-06.01.ST:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the transfer as requested. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

(116) In the matter of Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana, PSC No. 9452, submitted 2005 Annual Report reflecting no Class D operations. The carrier requests, in their verified statement, acceptance of the negative report based on the fact that Powder River County has yet to build the proposed transfer station- Docket No. TN2301:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the verified statement in 2005 Annual Report. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

(117) In the matter of Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana requests further suspension of PSC No. 9270, March 18, 2006 to May 11, 2006- Docket No. TN2302:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the suspension as requested. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

(118) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 20, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(119) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Tariff Transmittal 06-03, 2006 Acquisition Promotion- Docket No. N2006.3.27:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 06-03 in Docket No. N2006.3.27. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(120) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Services Corporation Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirements in order for NEUSTAR, the number pooling administrator, to assign a thousand block of numbers to Qwest in order for Qwest to serve the City of Missoula - Docket No N2006.3.34:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Qwest request for waiver of the months to exhaust/utilization threshold requirements and direct NEUSTAR, the number pooling administrator, to assign to Qwest a new thousands block of numbers in Qwest's Missoula rate center in order to provide new service to the City of Missoula. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
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 March 29, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner
Commissioner Brad Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby and Kim Moran, Utility Division
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(121) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cut Bank Gas - general rate case - discussion, direction, action on motion for reconsideration of Interim Rate Request- Docket No. D2006.2.15:

Commissioner Schneider move to grant the motion for reconsideration and grant the interim rate order on a customer service charge basis as requested by Cut Bank Gas starting April 1, 2006, to preserve the utility financial integrity until the public hearing.

Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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