

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday July 11, 2006, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Robert H. Raney was absent and left his proxies with Chairman Jergeson.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(260) In the matter of Firelight Meadows June 9, 2006 filed application to establish Late Payment Finance Charges on accounts that are greater than 30 days past due and NSF Check Fees for NSF checks. The finance charges are computed at 1.5% per month and the NSF Check Fee is \$25.00- Docket No. N2006.6.87:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the NSF and finance charges for Firelight Meadows Water Service in Docket No. N2006.6.87. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(261) In the matter of Firelight Meadows Waste Water Service June 9, 2006 filed application to establish Late Payment Finance Charges on accounts that are greater than 30 days past due and NSF Check Fees for NSF checks. The finance charges are computed at 1.5% per month and the NSF Check Fee is \$25.00- Docket No. N2006.6.88

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the NSF and finance charges for Firelight Meadows Waste Water Service in Docket No. N2006.6.88. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(262) In the matter of Louis W. and Geneva I. Webster dba The Great Northern Taxi, Whitefish, Montana May 25, 2006 filed application to transfer PSC No.9437 to Josh Hertlein and Peggy Hertlein dba Whitefish Taxi LLP, Whitefish, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on June 7, 2006 and no protests were received- Docket No. T-06.21.ST:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the transfer as requested by Whitefish Taxi LLP. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 3, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney
Legal Division

(264) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation Motion to Strike PSC Data Requests PSC-013 through PSC-0XX- Docket No. D2006.3.39:

Commissioner Schneider moved that Qwest's Motion to Strike PSC Data Requests PSC-031 through PSC-0XX be granted. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no. Commissioner Raney did not leave his proxy on this item.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(265) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation Objections to the First Set of Data Requests to Qwest from OneEighty Communications, Inc. and OneEighty's Motion to Compel- Docket No. D2006.3.39:

Commissioner Molnar moved to overrule Qwest objections to OneEighty Communications data requests 003(a), 007(a), and 007(c). Qwest's objection to OneEighty 007(b) is sustained to the extent that Qwest shall not be required to directly supply to OneEighty the information requested since Qwest has already filed that information with the Commission as Proprietary Attachment D to their April 10, 2006 Notice of Filing. However, the information requested in OneEighty DR007(b) is relevant and OneEighty shall be allowed access to the information already on file with the Commission after the execution of Protective Order #6629. Review of proprietary information furnished by Qwest in response to 007(b) and 007(c) shall be limited to OneEighty's attorney and an expert witness or other representative who is not a corporate officer and who has no involvement whatsoever in OneEighty's business and marketing plans. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Phil Cooke, Utility Division
Robin McHugh, Legal Division

(266) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Medical Emergency Rule Application- Docket No. N2006.6.84:

Commissioner Molnar moved to accept the customer's offer of \$200.00 per month for 18 months, that the customer update the Certification of Medical Emergency form or doctor's letter every 30 days, and if the customer defaults, NorthWestern Energy be allowed to terminate service. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(267) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Medical Emergency Rule Application request for Commission Intervention in establishment of a customer payout arrangement- Docket No. N2006.6.98:

Commissioner Molnar moved that this customer pay \$80.00 per month toward his balance, to stay current, and maintain medical certification. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(268) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Annual Electric Tracker Filing- Docket No. D2005.5.88:

Commissioner Schneider moved that we not approve the inclusion of the labor expense for the DSM coordinator in this Order and that the narrative be changed in this session to reflect that decision. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

Commissioner Schneider moved to adopt the draft order subject to the changes that have been described and agreed to here as well as editorial changes that do not alter the substance. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Molnar and Mood voted no.

APPEARANCE

Candace Beery
Utility Division

(269) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to FERC:

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana agree to join as generally in support of these comments and delegate to Commissioner Jergeson or his proxy to vote on any amendments during the OMS meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Utility Division
Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(270) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance board appointment:

Commissioner Mood moved to re-appoint Will Rosquist to a 3-year term as Montana Public Service Commission representative on the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance board. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(271) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of state staff travel:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve travel for Eric Dahlgren and Bryan Baldwin to attend Camp NARUC August 7-18, 2006. Commissioner Molnar 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

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