

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 4, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(71) In the matter of D2003.10.155-Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Interconnection Amendment.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Fifth Amended Appendix A between Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Verizon Wireless in D2003.10.155. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(72) In the matter of N2008.2.13-Citizens Telecommunications. On February 8, 2008, Citizens Telecommunications filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-01.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Citizen's Advice Letter No. MT-08-01 in Docket N2008.2.13. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(73) In the matter of N2008.2.16-CenturyTel. On February 18, 2008, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 08-03. In this filing CenturyTel is requesting to add Hunting to its tariff.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve CenturyTel's Transmittal No. 08-03 in Docket N2008.2.16. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(74) In the matter of TN2385-Winter Sports, Inc. dba The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort, Whitefish, Montana, PSC No. 9387, requests permission to amend their 'dba' to read Whitefish Summer Resort.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the request to amend the 'dba' for PSC No. 9387. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(75) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 25, 2008;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 25, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(76) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.12.149-CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. and MontanaSky Networks, Inc. Interconnection Agreement;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. and MontanaSky Networks, Inc. in Docket D2007.12.149. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(77) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.12.148-Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless- Interconnection Agreement;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative and Gold Creek Cellular. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(78) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.12.146-3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless-Interconnection Agreement;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement between 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative and Gold Creek Cellular. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(79) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.10.143-Qwest Customers v Qwest-Complaint against Qwest excessive realized returns;

Commissioner Raney moved to Issue the draft order as circulated related to the MCC data request denying Qwest objection and order Qwest to compile service data requests by March 14, 2008. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Toole was recused.

Commissioner Raney moved to adopt and issue the order as circulated on Qwest's objections to PSC data requests in Docket No. D2006.10.143. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Toole was recused.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division  
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(80) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-NorthWestern Energy Motion to Dismiss Proceeding to Consider Stipulation and Agreement between MCC and NorthWestern Energy in Phase 1(Revenue Requirements);

Commissioner Molnar moved to deny CELP's Motion to Dismiss Proceeding to Consider Stipulation and Agreement between Montana Consumer Counsel and NorthWestern Energy in Phase 1 (Revenue Requirements) in accordance with staff recommendations. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(81) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106-NorthWestern Energy Consolidated Natural Gas and Electric USB;

Commissioner Toole moved to approve and issue the procedural order and direct NorthWestern Energy to file supplemental information. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee and Kim Moran, Utility Division  
Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

(82) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.4.49 (Part 2)-Mountain Water Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 6644g;

Commissioner Mood moved to adopt the order on Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Stay including the editing amendments recommended by staff. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(83) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out-of-state staff travel-Obtain approval for Joel Tierney to attend the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives Western Region Conference, May 13-19, Los Angeles, California; and for Brian DeKiep to attend the annual MISO Stakeholders Meeting April 15-17, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Joel Tierney's and Brian DeKiep's travel as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

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