

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 18, 2008, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(94) In the matter of N2008.2.18-Qwest. On February 29, 2008, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 08-AC01.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 08-AC01 in Docket N2008.2.18. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(95) In the matter of N2008.3.20-Citizens Telecommunications. On March 4, 2008, Citizens filed advice letter No. MT-08-02, Frontier Digital Phone Essentials.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Citizen's advice letter No. M-08-02 in Docket N2008.3.20. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(96) In the matter of TN2386-Kenneth W. Sorensen & Evelyne J. Sorensen, husband and wife, dba Kootenai Transfer & Storage, Libby, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 2075 to Donald P. Emery dba Kootenai Transfer & Storage, Libby, Montana for a six month period, April 11, 2008 to October 11, 2008.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the lease as applied for. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(97) In the matter of TN2387-Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, Virginia City, Montana requests a suspension for PSC No. 9270 for a period, March 11, 2008 to May 10, 2008.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the requested suspension as applied for. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(98) In the matter of TN2388-Badlands, Inc. dba Badlands Taxi, Miles City, Montana is requesting a fuel surcharge of \$.50 per fare on their passenger operations under PSC No. 417.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the fuel surcharge as applied for. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(99) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 10, 2008.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 10, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.1.6- PSC Investigation of Qwest rates, schedules and terms and conditions of service;

Commissioner Raney moved to grant the extension to file AFOR until April 29, 2008 in Docket D2008.1.6. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Toole was recused.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2003.8.109-Montana Consumer Counsel-In the Matter of an Investigation of NorthWestern Energy's Financial Related Transactions with NorthWestern Corporation, its affiliates and creditors that may impair its financial solvency and public utility service obligations;

Commissioner Raney moved to open a docket and begin the investigation of NorthWestern Energy's Financial and Related Transactions with NorthWestern Corporation, affiliates and creditors that may impair its financial solvency and public utility obligations as requested by the MCC. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of BPA-NWE residential exchange issues;

Commissioner Mood moved to prepare and submit comments to BPA and follow-up by letters to the congressional delegation on the BPA proposal and NorthWestern changes. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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