

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman, via telephone  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner, via telephone  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

Commissioner Toole was absent.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(365) In the matter of N2008.10.121: NorthWestern Energy. On October 3, 2008, NorthWestern Energy filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2008.

Commissioner Raney moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's request to accrue under and over collections of the MPSC and MCC tax decreases until the next general rate case. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(366) In the matter of T-08.37.PCN: On August 29, 2008 Montana Mountain Express Ltd., Big Sky, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Raney moved to WITHDRAW application and close docket as requested. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

(367) In the matter of TN2414: Stericycle, Inc., Kent, Washington and Sure-Way Transportation, Inc., Deer Lodge, Montana mutually request termination of the lease of PSC No. 9342 effective immediately.

Commissioner Mood moved to CANCEL the lease as requested and return control of PSC No. 9342 to Stericycle, Inc. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

(368) In the matter of TN2415: Cary M. Sarles dba Park County Transportation, Livingston, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9456 for three months, October 4, 2008 to January 4, 2009.

Commissioner Raney moved to APPROVE the suspension as requested. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

(369) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 6, 2008:

Commissioner Raney moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 6, 2008. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

#### APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(370) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.7.79: Interconnection Agreement between Project Telephone Company, Inc., and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the Interconnection Agreement between Project Telephone Company, Inc. and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. in Docket No. D2008.7.79. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

(371) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.7.80: Interconnection Agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the Interconnection Agreement between Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. in Docket D2008.7.80. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Toole, who later voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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

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GREG JERGESON, 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:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

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