

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair
Ken Toole, Vice Chair
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Utility Division

(165) In the matter of N2009.2.17: On March 31, 2009, Montana-Dakota Utilities filed a tariff revision to its Rate 53 reflecting changes to labor rates to accommodate structure moves.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE Montana-Dakota Utilities Rate 53. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(166) In the matter of N2009.3.39: On March 20, 2009, Miller Oil Company d/b/a The City Line, filed a tariff revision changing the effective billing date from the 28th of the month to the 26th of the month.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE Miller Oil's request to change their effective billing date. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(167) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 6, 2009:

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 6, 2009. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(168) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.12.140: Cable & Communications Corporation petition for approval of cost study.

Commissioner Toole moved to GRANT Cable & Communications Corporation's motion to withdraw filing in Docket No. D2008.12.140. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion,

which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Utility Division

(169) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2008.9.107: Energy West Montana Petition for special permit for use of polyamide twelve piping for natural gas distribution.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to re-issue the Notice of Commission Action incorporating PHMSA's additional recommendations/conditions in Docket No. D2008.9.107. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGSON, Chair

KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
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, April 15, 2009, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chair
Ken Toole, Vice Chair
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Utility Division
Will Rosquist and Mike Lee, Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(170) In the matter of D2008.12.146: NorthWestern Energy proposal for a collaborative process for addressing wind integration issues and updated QF-1 avoided cost filing.

Commissioner Toole moved to ISSUE the additional issues as identified by staff and offer it as the commission's response to NorthWestern Energy's letter outlining the collaborative process proposal in Docket No. D2008.12.146. Commission Vincent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

(171) In the matter of Public Information requests from Lee Bureau and Mary Jo Fox.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the privacy log for former Commissioner Mood's e-mails and distribute the file and log to the Lee Bureau with the exception of No. 7. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Toole moved to EXERCISE monitoring for appropriate use and request ITSD to restore five sample days of commissioners in office between 12/05/07 and 4/16/08 subject to privacy review. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 3: Commissioner Gutsche moved to SUBMIT Commissioner Molnar's files in satisfaction of Mary Jo Fox's request with the redaction of family pictures. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION 4: Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE and send staff's response to Ken Peterson with an update from today's meeting. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chair

KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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