

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, the following members were present:

Ken Toole, Vice Chair  
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner (via telephone)

Commissioner Jergeson was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Toole. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(12) In the matter of N2009.12.158: On December 17, 2009, Verizon filed Transmittal Letter No. 09-04 to Grandfather RLJ Savings Plan and to Introduce RLJ Savings Plan II.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE Verizon's Transmittal Letter No. 09-04 in Docket N2009.12.158. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

(13) In the matter of N2009.12.160: On December 21, 2009, CenturyLink filed Advice No. 09-10 to Update Outbound Call Black, Customer Calling Services Feature and Introduces Pure Broadband Bundle, a packaged service.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE CenturyLink's filed Advice No. 09-10 in Docket N2009.12.160. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

(14) In the matter of N2009.10.141: On October 30, 2009, MDU filed a tariff revision to its Natural Gas Service and Electric Rate Schedules to change the maximum allowed percentage of Federal Poverty for the Low-Income Discount from 150% to the maximum allowed by DPHHS.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE MDU's filing in N2009.10.141 as filed. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(15) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 4, 2010.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of January 4, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(16) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.10.134: Qwest, Ganoco, Inc., d/b/a American Dial Tone Interconnection Agreement.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Ganoco, Inc., d/b/a American Dial Tone in Docket No. D2009.10.134. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(17) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.9.129 and D2007.7.82: NorthWestern Energy application for authority to establish increased natural gas and electric delivery service rates and implement allocation cost of service and rate design proposals, motion to consolidate dockets.

Commissioner Toole moved to GRANT the consolidation of Docket Nos. D2009.9.129 and D2007.7.82 as requested. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(18) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state staff travel:

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE Kim Moran's travel to St. Paul, Minnesota on February 8, 2010, for the MISO Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits Task Force meeting and the Organization of MISO states cost allocation and regional planning meeting on February 9-10, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson voted Aye by proxy. Commissioner Molnar was absent.

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

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GREG JERGESON, Chair

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KEN TOOLE, Vice Chair

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

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