

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, the following members were present:

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

Public comments were made by Jim Barngrover for Ben Brouwer of the Alternative Energy Resources Organization.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(53) In the matter of D2006.10.152: CenturyTel of Montana, LLC and Bresnan Digital Services, LLC Interconnection Agreement Amendment.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement amendment between CenturyTel of Montana, LLC and Bresnan Digital Services, LLC in Docket No. D2006.10.152. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(54) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 8, 2010.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 8, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(55) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket Nos. D2009.11.148, D2009.11.149 & D2009.11.150. Qwest Corporation, Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Montana Opticom, LLC, interconnection agreements.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Qwest Corporation/Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2009.11.148; the Qwest Corporation/Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc., interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2009.11.149; and the 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative/Montana Opticom, Inc., interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2009.11.150. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brian DeKiep, Utility Division

(56) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Economic Study request to NorthWestern Energy Re: study a high DSM scenario in the next transmission planning cycle.

Commissioner Toole moved to DIRECT staff to submit a request to NorthWestern Energy to conduct an economic study in the next transmission planning cycle that includes increased efficiency, demand response, and distributed generation scenarios. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted No.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Brian DeKiep, Utility Division

(57) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of written complaint of Dr. Paul Williamson, Rev. Dr. Vern Klingman, and Russell Doty to consider the filing as a formal complaint and serve upon NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to treat the request of Dr. Williamson, Rev Klingman and Mr. Doty as a formal complaint, assign a docket number, serve the complaint on NorthWestern Energy, and move forward procedurally. Commissioner Toole 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

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