

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, the following members were present:

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

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(164) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 17, 2010.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 17, 2010. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(165) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2010.5.48: Qwest's Annual Report. Motion for Protective Order.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT Qwest's motion for protective order in Docket No. N2010.5.48. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(166) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.4.44: Townsend Propane/NorthWestern Energy. Propane Tracker.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the interim order subject to editing changes indicated by staff in Docket No. D2010.4.44. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division
Phil Cooke and Lori Sandru, Utility Division

(167) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Byrne family formal complaint against NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Toole moved to DISMISS the Byrne Family complaint without prejudice and instruct staff to follow up with a letter explaining that he can file a request for the meter test and we would assign staff to oversee the testing in Butte. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(168) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in FERC Docket ER10-1138: NorthWestern Energy revisions to schedule 3, Regulations and Frequency Response Service of NorthWestern's Open Access Transmission Tariff. Approval of interventions.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the intervention in FERC Docket ER10-1138. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(169) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of state staff travel:

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE out of state travel for Eric Dahlgren's travel to Oklahoma City for the Pipeline Reliability Assessment Course on June 29-30, 2010. Commissioner Vincent 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

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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