

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Toole was excused, but left a Proxy with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Regulatory Division

(249) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 2, 2010.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 2, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(250) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2010.7.73: FCC USF Reform NOI and NPRM reply comments.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to SUBMIT the draft reply comments subject to minor editing to the FCC by the deadline in Docket No. N2010.7.73. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ALTERNATE MOTION: Commissioner Molnar moved to strike first sentence after "summary" and start with the "...importance of Broadband to Montana cannot be overstated. However, the Montana Public Service Commission believes certain forms of proposals need to be modified for the balance of this document." Died for lack of a second.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Regulatory Division

(251) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ETIC and EQC bill drafts and ETIC letter to FCC.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to DIRECT staff to draft comments on LC 7002, LC 6002 and LC 6003 on ETIC and EQC bill drafts. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE out of state staff travel for Brian DeKiep's travel to the meetings of the Committee on Regional Electric Cooperation and State Provincial Steering Commission in Salt Lake City, on September 13-15, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Administrator, Legal Division

(253) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Agency Rule Reviewer.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DESIGNATE Al Brogan as the Department of Public Service Regulation's rule reviewer. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(254) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NARUC subcommittee on law, appointment of Al Brogan for NARUC subcommittee on law.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to DESIGNATE Al Brogan as the appointee to the NARUC Subcommittee on Law. 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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