

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 31, 2010, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(263) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 23, 2010.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 23, 2010. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

(264) In the matter of T-10.26.PCN: On June 22, 2010, Mark A Reavis and Nicole A. Von Gaza d/b/a Butte Urban Safari Tours, Butte, Montana, applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the grant of authority as requested. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(265) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. N2010.8.86: Verizon Wireless, PSC FCC numbering audit request.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to GRANT the petition to withdraw the FCC number audit request in Docket No. N2010.8.86. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(266) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.6.60: North Star Planned Unit Development, General Rate Case, establish initial interim rates.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE the proposed interim rates in Docket No. D2010.6.60 subject to non-substantive text edits. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brian Dekiep, Regulatory Division

(267) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Application for 2011 Solar Energy DOE/MT PSC Partnership. Seeking Commission direction on whether to pursue a 2011 DOE/PSC partnership to study a specific solar energy topic in Montana.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to authorize staff to SUBMIT the application. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Brian Dekiep & Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(268) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in FERC Docket ER10-1791-000 Midwest ISO Cost Allocation, consider joining OMS comments to FERC.

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana Public Service Commission generally support the comments with the exception of the allocation lode charged to generator portion and then delegate to the chair the authority to deal with any amendments that modify that portion of if amendments are not ultimately satisfactory to attach a Montana footnote. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Administrator,

Legal Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(269) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.5.50: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost application for protective order.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. D2010.5.50. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE Eric Dahlgren's travel to Oklahoma City, OK, on

October 5-8, 2010, for a pipeline safety class, External Corrosion Direct Assessment Field Course. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Regulatory Division

(271) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. FY 2012-2013 budget discussion:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to SUBMIT budget reduction construct as required by the budget office. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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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