

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 21, 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 Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

(391) In the matter of T-10.32.PCN: On September 22, 2010, NPK Turf Services, Inc., d/b/a Dumpy Drawers, Bozeman, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the applicant's request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity with the authority granted by the language shown below. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Class D – Garbage within the city of Bozeman, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. LIMITATIONS: 1) Transportation is limited to the following items: television sets, couches, beds, mattresses, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, heaters, air conditioners, lawn mowers, snow blowers, bicycles, motorcycles, entertainment centers, shelves, desks, filing cabinets, dressers, tables, chairs, boats, kayaks, water troughs and feed troughs. 2) Transportation is limited to Gallatin and Madison Counties.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(392) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2009.5.63 and D2010.5.49: NorthWestern Energy gas cost trackers final order.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to APPROVE the final order as drafted subject to minor non-substantive text edits in Docket Nos. D2009.5.63 and D2010.5.49. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(393) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.8.82: Montana Dakota Utilities electric general rate case Motion for Protective Order.

Commissioner Toole moved to APPROVE Montana Dakota Utilities' motion for protective order in Docket No. D2010.8.82. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Centralized Services
Robin McHugh, Executive Director

(394) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Agency Strike Plan.

Commissioner Toole moved to ADOPT the draft as the Public Service Commission agency strike plan policy and include the plan in the agency operations manual (blue book). Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Centralized Services
Robin McHugh, Executive Director
Kate Whitney, Administrator,
Regulatory Division

(395) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Blue Book operations manual revisions.

Discussion only; no action taken. The Commission directed staff to return in 90 days to recommend a safety program for inclusion in the blue book operations manual. Staff reviewed the operations manual draft with the Commission.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(396) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of BPA residential exchange program letter to Montana congressional delegation regarding regional settlement of residential exchange issues.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to ADOPT and SIGN the residential exchange program letter, with changes recommended by staff, and submit the letter to the congressional delegation. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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