

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 24, 2011, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division
Al Brogan, Administrator, Legal Division

(69) In the matter of House Bill 244 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Kavulla moved to MONITOR HB 244. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion.

ALTERNATE MOTION: Commissioner Molnar moved to AMEND the original motion to read “support” rather than “monitor” on HB 244. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which failed 2-3. Commissioners Gutsche, Vincent and Kavulla voted Nay.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Kavulla moved to MONITOR HB 244. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Molnar and Gallagher voted Nay.

Commissioner Vincent will testify on Senate Bill 192.

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

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Gail Gutsche, Commissioner
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(70) In the matter of approval of Commission minutes for the week of January 10, 2011.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Commission minutes for the week of January 10, 2011. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(71) In the matter of D2010.12.117: On December 20, 2010, Black Hills Power filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Commissioner Molnar moved to GRANT Black Hills Power's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

(72) In the matter of TN 2491: Evans Transfer & Storage, Inc., Maricopa, Arizona requests permission to Suspend PSC No. 1712 for a six month period, December 1, 2010 to June 1, 2011.

Commissioner Vincent moved to SUSPEND PSC No. 1712 as requested. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Regulatory Division

(73) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of May 6, 2010, Columbia Falls Incident Investigation.

No action taken: Discussion of closing the Columbia Falls incident as usual.

APPEARANCE

Brian DeKiep, Regulatory Division
Jim Paine, Legal Division

(74) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FERC ER-10-1138 NorthWestern Energy Schedule 3 filing.

No action taken: Update to the Commission regarding the FERC case in NorthWestern Energy's schedule 3 filing.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Vincent
Commissioner Kavulla

(75) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Commission appointments.

No action taken. Discuss Commission appointments to CREPC and state-provincial steering committee, NTTG, MISO and EISPC.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Legal Division
Al Brogan, Administrator, Legal Division

(76) In the matter of House Bill 291 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to MONITOR HB 291 and provide informational witness testimony by Chairman Gallagher. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(77) In the matter of Senate Bill 205 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Molnar moved to MONITOR SB 205. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(78) In the matter of Senate Bill 201 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Molnar moved to MONITOR SB 201. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Gutsche and Vincent voted Nay.

(79) In the matter of Senate Bill 201 for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Gutsche moved to OPPOSE SB 201. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which failed 2-3. Commissions Molnar, Gallagher and Kavulla voted Nay.

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
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