

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(145) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 21, 2011.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 21, 2011. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(146) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.12.118: CenturyLink, Level 3 Communications Interconnection Agreement.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2010.12.118. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.10.99: iSmart Mobile, LLC, application for designation as an eligible telecommunication carrier.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to DIRECT staff to establish a deadline of April 8, 2011 for iSmart Mobile to amend its application and submit pre-filed testimony in Docket No. D2010.10.99. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan and Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(148) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. FCC-11-13 NPRM: Notice of proposed rulemaking comments on USF and ICC reform.

Commissioner Kavulla moved that the PSC HOST a roundtable on April 7, 2011 and May 4, 2011 inviting all parties who wish to attend and present to discuss the FCC's NPRM on USF and ICC reform and to file reply comments. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division  
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(149) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No.D2011.1.7: NorthWestern Energy's request for an accounting order.

Commissioner Vincent moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's request for an accounting order in Docket No. D2011.1.7. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

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

Commissioner Gutsche moved to APPROVE the out of state travel for 1) Gary Duncan and Dagan Lynch to attend "The Basics" course, at New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities, on May 8-13, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and 2) Brian DeKiep to attend the meeting of Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation & State Provincial Steering Commission on April 11-13, 2011 in Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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W.A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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