

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on May 17, 2011, the following members were present:

Travis Kavulla, Chairman
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
John Vincent, Commissioner

Commissioner Gutsche was excused but left her proxy with Commissioner Vincent.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(235) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of April 25, 2011.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of April 25, 2011. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(236) In the matter of N2011.4.37: On April 29, 2011, Central Montana Communication requested modification to its tariff.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE Central Montana Communication's modification request in Docket N2011.4.37. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten, Consumer Division

(237) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. FCC-11-32: Notice of proposed rulemaking-Lifeline and Link Up reform and modernization.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to submit reply comments to FCC 11-32. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(238) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2011.2.13: Five Valleys

Gas application for approval of a monthly propane cost tracker true up in its Seeley Lake, Montana Service Area, Montana Consumer Counsel's Petition for Late Intervention.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to GRANT Montana Consumer Counsel's petition for late intervention in Docket No. D2011.2.13. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

(239) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2011.1.8: Mountain Water Company, petition for declaratory rulings and application for approval of sale. Clark Fork Coalition's request for reconsideration of the procedural schedule.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DENY Clark Fork Coalition's request for reconsideration of the procedural schedule in docket No. D2011.1.8. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Gutsche voted Nay by proxy.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Phil Cooke and Lori Sandru, Consumer Division

(240) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of John Claypoof's complaint against NorthWestern Energy alleging inadequate service and unnecessary installation of demand meter.

Commissioner Vincent moved that John Claypoof's complaint be TREATED as a formal complaint, assigned a docket number and served on NorthWestern Energy. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

APPEARANCE

Sarah Norcott, Legal Division

(241) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. T-10.36.PCN: L&L Site Services, Inc.'s, application for a Montana intrastate certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commissioner Vincent moved to DENY L&L Site Service's application and APPROVE the final order as drafted in Docket No. T-10.36.PCN. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Services

(242) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of purchase of scanner:

Commissioner Kavulla moved to PURCHASE the scanner presented by staff. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Gutsche voted Aye by Proxy.

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

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman

GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair

W. A. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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