

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

Gail Gutsche, Vice Chair  
Bill Gallagher, Commissioner  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
John Vincent, Commissioner, via telephone

Chairman Kavulla was excused, but left his proxy with Commissioner Gutsche.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Bates

Mr. Bates voiced a complaint against NorthWestern Energy regarding the increase in budget billing without notification or justification. Mr. Bates cannot afford to go off of budget billing. Chair Gutsche referred Mr. Bates to staff to address his concerns.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(243) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of May 2, 2011.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of May 2, 2011. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kavulla voted Aye by proxy.

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Regulatory Division

(244) In the matter of TN2502: Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker d/b/a Bowker Sanitation LLP, Culbertson, MT, PSC No. 5039, has submitted a 2010 Annual Report with a verified statement in lieu of intrastate garbage operations, as required by 38.3.1205, MCA.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE the verified statement in lieu of intrastate garbage operations. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kavulla voted Aye by proxy.

(245) In the matter of T-11.11.RB: On April 22, 2011 American Medical Response, Inc., Billings, Montana filed for rate increases and changed to its tariff covering passenger operations under PSC No. 8996.

Commissioner Molnar moved to APPROVE rate changes as applied for in T-11.11.RB. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kavulla voted Aye by proxy.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division  
Sarah Norcott, Legal Division

(246) In the matter of the Commission's discussion in Docket No. D2010.9.98: Treeline Springs general rate increase.

Commissioner Vincent moved to APPROVE the final order in Docket No. D2010.9.98. Commissioner Gutsche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kavulla voted Aye by proxy.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Molnar

(247) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of request call information from Commissioner Gutsche's and Commissioner Kavulla's cell phones from the work session lunch break 4/15/2011 and Commissioner Gutsche's cell phone from the recess 2 hours and 17 minutes into the 4/26/2011 work session.

Commissioner Molnar moved to not indefinitely postpone this issue and to schedule it for June 9, 2011. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion, which failed 3-2. Commissioner Gutsche and Commissioner Vincent voted Nay. Commissioner Kavulla voted Nay by proxy.

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

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman

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GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart  
Commission Secretary

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