

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 14, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner
Roger Koopman, Commissioner via phone

Commissioner Kavulla was excused and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

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

(15) In the matter of Legislative bills relevant to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns.

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR SB 66. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Koopman moved to SUPPORT HB 158 with amendments. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR HB 158. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Koopman moved to SUPPORT HB 159. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR HB 159. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem
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 January 15, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner via phone
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(16) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 7, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of January 7, 2013. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(17) In the matter of out of state staff travel: David Lofftus' out of state staff travel to the quarterly meetings of the Transmission Expansion Planning Policy (TEPPC), the Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG), and the Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TAS) in Salt Lake City February 11-14, 2013.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Gallagher

(18) In the matter of the Chairman's Committee appointments.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Chairman's committee appointments. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Gallagher

(19) In the matter of the proposal to open the Chief Legal position.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE opening the Chief Legal position including input of any Commissioner subject to objection, ADVERTISING the position immediately with a salary

range of \$69,000 to \$79,000 with the deadline for applications on February 8, 2013. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Brian DeKiep, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(20) In the matter of Legislative bills relevant to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process, and general agency concerns.

Main Motion: Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR HB 188. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion: Chairman Gallagher moved to SUPPORT HB 188. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn.

The main motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gallagher moved to MONITOR SB 125 and OFFER an informational witness. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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