

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 22, 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

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

Commissioner Koopman moved to MONITOR SB 139. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Communication was lost with Commissioner Koopman, whose vote was not further recorded

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR HB 145. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

Chairman Gallagher moved to MONITOR SB 141. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

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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BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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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 24, 2013, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(22) 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 Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(23) In the matter of N2012.12.127: CenturyLink's petition for waiver of the months to exhaust/utilization threshold requirements.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the petition for waiver and to INSTRUCT the Pooling Administrator to issue an appropriate 1,000 number block to CenturyLink in the Bozeman Rate Center. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division  
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division

(24) In the matter of N2013.1.3: CenturyLink's petition for waiver of the months to exhaust/utilization threshold requirements.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the petition for waiver and INSTRUCT the Pooling Administrator to issue an appropriate three blocks of 1,000 numbers to CenturyLink in the Missoula Rate Center. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(25) In the matter of D2012.9.94: NorthWestern Energy's application for authority to establish increase natural gas delivery service rates and allocated cost of service and rate design.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE a Notice of Commission Action overruling all objections. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Koopman moved to SUSTAIN the objection to PSC 138(b). Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion.

The motion was amended to SUSTAIN in part and OVERRULE in part.

Commissioner Lake moved to DEFER the work session to Tuesday January 29, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

The motion as amended was withdrawn.

The motion to defer was voted on and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to OVERRULE PSC 176. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to OVERRULE PSC-177. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(26) In the matter of D2012.11.118: Montana-Dakota Utilities natural gas conservation program portfolio.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the draft order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

State Senator Fred Thomas  
State Senator Greg Jergeson

(27) In the matter of SB 153 revise PSC districts.

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR SB 153. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Lake moved to SUPPORT SB 153 as to the intent of the equalization of the population within the Commission districts. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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The remainder of the agenda was deferred to the work session on Tuesday January 29, 2013.

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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BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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