

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on March 19, 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

(91) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 11, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 11, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division

(92) In the matter of N2013.2.14: CenturyLink's tariff transmittal 13-01.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE tariff transmittal 13-01. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(93) In the matter of TN2570: Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage Co.'s request for cancellation of PSC No. 1464 Sub H only.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the cancellation of PSC No. 1464 Sub H only. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(94) In the matter of D2012.9.100: Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's application for authority to establish increased rates for natural gas service.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY the motion to compel and the motion to strike. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(95) In the matter of D2012.10.110: Budget Prepay, Inc.'s application for limited designation as a non-rural wireless eligible telecommunications carrier.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT Budget's motion to dismiss MITS as a party. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

Commissioner Koopman moved to GRANT Budget's motion to dismiss MTA as a party. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DENY Budget's motion to dismiss MTA as a party. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(96) In the matter of D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's 2011-2012 Electricity supply tracker.

Commissioner Lake moved to OVERRULE NWE's objections to data requests PSC-50b & e and PSC-51b & d. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Dagan Lynch, and Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(97) In the matter of D2012.9.94: NorthWestern Energy's general rate case.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the interim order. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(98) In the matter of Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC on behalf of Fairfield Wind, LLC: Request for preliminary injunction and hearing on Fairfield Wind, LLC.

Commissioner Lake moved to DECLINE to accept the filing. Commissioner Koopman

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

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

Discussion was held but no action was taken.

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

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