

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 2, 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

(106) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 25, 2013.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 25, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(107) In the matter of Out of State Staff Travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the travel of Joel Tierney, Elizabeth Kamback, and John Torske to the Western Region meeting of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives in Montrose, Colorado, and the travel of Gary Duncan for a week in May and again in October to be an instructor for "The Basics" course in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(108) In the matter of T-13.3.ST: Mobile City Home Park's application to transfer PSC No. 869.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 869. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(109) In the matter of TN2572: Isaacs Sani-Serv's request to lease PSC No. 5450.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the lease of PSC No. 5450. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(110) In the matter of D2012.9.100: Montana Dakota Utilities application for authority to establish increased rates for natural gas service.

Discussion of the procedural schedule only; no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

Brian DeKiep, Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(111) In the matter of electric and natural gas universal system benefits (USB) programs and funding.

Chairman Gallagher moved to AUTHORIZE staff to initiate a USB investigation with staff input framed around Commission approved issues; staff may need to come back to the Commission with the notice before issuing it to the public. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Brian DeKiep, Regulatory Division

(112) In the matter of the Illinois Commerce Commission v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 7th Circuit Court of Appeals case.

Discussion of the status of the case only; no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division

(113) In the matter of D2012.1.3/CDV-2013-37: NorthWestern Energy's petition for judicial review.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT the motion for stay. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Kavulla moved to amend the motion to GRANT the stay in part at the 2.4 MW capacity limit. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which failed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

The motion passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division  
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

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

Discussion only no action was taken.

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

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