

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 8, 2013, the following members were present:

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

Chairman Gallagher was excused and left his proxy with Vice-Chairman Lake.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(223) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 29, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of July 29, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division

(224) In the matter of D2208.8.95: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to construct and operate the Dave Gates Generating station/carbon offset projects.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Koopman abstaining.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(225) In the matter of the proposed rules regarding simplified regulatory treatment options for small water/sewer utilities.

Discussion only, no Commission action was action.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division

(226) In the matter of D2011.4.35: Sleepy Hollow Oil and Gas, LLC's application to initiate natural gas service in and around Winifred, Montana.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the extension of time to initiate a rate case to August

16, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(227) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE Bob Decker's travel to attend the EUCI conference "Western Energy Imbalance Market: DR and Transmission Solutions," in Portland, OR, August 13-14, 2013. 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:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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