

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 13, 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

(228) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 5, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 5, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division
Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(229) In the matter of D2013.5.31: NorthWestern Energy's application for propane cost account balance and rate adjustment for Townsend Propane Supply.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Final Order. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(230) In the matter of D2011.10.89: Telephone number conservation.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the Final Order with non-substantive edits. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

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

Chairman Gallagher moved to DIRECT staff to initiate formal rulemaking by noticing the proposed rules for comment and hearing. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(232) In the matter of T-13.10.PCN: Cinda Marie Stephens dba Betterfly Taxi's application for Class B authority to transport passengers in rate regulated service in Flathead County.

Chairman Gallagher moved to DIRECT staff to serve Iron Eagle with the Notice of Commission Action requiring Iron Eagle's response relative to hearing participation by a date certain. Commissioner Lake 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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