

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 20, 2013, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(233) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 12, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 12, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Regulatory Division

(234) In the matter of D2013.7.58: MDU Resource Group Inc.'s application for authority to issue short-term financing.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the application to issue up to \$250,000,000 of short-term financing. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(235) In the matter of Amendments to Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreements in D2002.1.3 between Mid Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC; D2011.2.15 between CenturyLink and Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; and D2013.4.30 between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Western Montana CommunityTel, Inc. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(236) In the matter of T-13.20.OTSC: Missoula Community Health Services, Inc.'s request for cancellation of PSC No. 9408.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the cancellation of PSC No. 9408. Chairman

Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(237) In the matter of TN2582 and TN2583: Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc.'s request that PSC No. 56 and 9364 be suspended.

Chairman Gallagher moved to SUSPEND PSC No. 56 and 9364 for a 6 month period from August 15, 2013 to February 15, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Dalton, Regulatory Division

(238) In the matter of new Interconnection Agreements.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the interconnection agreement in D2013.5.40 between CenturyTel dba CenturyLink and Qwest Communications and D2013.6.47 between Qwest Corporation and 365 Wireless, LLC. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(239) In the matter of D2013.6.44: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of 2013 avoided cost compliance filing-schedule no. QFLT-1.

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

APPEARANCE

Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(240) In the matter of D2013.4.22: Montana-Dakota Utilities' natural gas conservation tracking adjustment.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the final Order. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

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

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 22, 2013, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Bushman was excused from the full meeting and left his proxy with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist and Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(241) In the matter of the draft economic impact statement (EIS) regarding the Commission's proposed QF rule amendment.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE sending the EIS to the ETIC subject to non-substantive edits. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla dissenting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

BOB LAKE₂, Vice Chairman

KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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