

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 27, 2013, the following members were present:

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

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

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(242) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 19, 2013.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 19, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(243) In the matter of Out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the travel of David Lofftus to attend the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board, the Western Interconnection Transmission Technology Forum, the State-Provincial Steering Committee, and the Committee on Regional Power Cooperation, October 30-November 1, 2013 in San Diego, CA. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Regulatory Division
Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(244) In the matter of D2013.1.4: Energy West Montana's application to make interim adjustments final and to reconcile an over-collection of gas cost by decreasing rates by \$174,497.

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

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Kavulla
Eric Eck, Regulatory Division
Jason Brown, Legal Division

(245) In the matter of D2013.7.53: NorthWestern Energy's monthly electric supply cost rate adjustment

Discussion only, no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Brenda Elias, Legal Division

(246) In the matter of the Repeal of ARM 38.2.5031, executive pay rule.

Commissioner Lake moved to TAKE no action on the existing administrative rule repeal and DIRECT staff to initiate a new administrative rule making process to be brought back to the Commission by the September 5, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(247) In the matter of D2008.3.27: Cut Bank Gas' application for approval of the acquisition of Cut Bank Gas by Energy West Montana.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the extension of time to file its general rate case to September 30, 2014. Commissioner Bushman 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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