

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

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner
Roger Koopman, Commissioner - via telephone

Commissioner Kirk Bushman was absent and gave his proxy to Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Judy Scheier, Assistant Commission Secretary

(287) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of October 14, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of October 14, 2013. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(288) In the matter of out-of-state staff travel - David Lofftus to attend meetings for the Scenario Planning Study Group and Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee, Salt Lake City, UT, November 5-7, 2013.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE staff travel request. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(289) In the matter of 2013-2014 BTU Monitoring contracts.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE BTU Monitoring contracts for the heating season. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(290) In the matter of Docket D2013.6.51 – NorthWestern Energy – application for a limited waiver of Order No. 6505e to allow NWE to own and operate a separate subsidiary public utility.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the final order granting the waiver. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(291) In the matter of D2012.5.49: NorthWestern Energy's Annual Electric Tracker.

Commissioner Lake moved to ACCEPT staff's rewrite of that section of the draft order about Basin Creek, and to delete paragraph 94. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Bushman voted no by proxy to the change.

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:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

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