

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on December 17, 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

(345) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of December 9, 2013.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of December 9, 2013. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Brenda Koch, Transportation Unit

(346) In the matter of TN2595: Edward DesRosier dba Sun Tours request to suspend PSC No. 9220.

Chairman Gallagher moved to APPROVE the suspension from November 1, 2013 to May 1, 2014. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(347) In the matter of T-13.28.ST: Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation LLP's application to transfer PSC No. 5039 to Bowker Enterprises LLC.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the transfer of PSC No. 5039. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Bob Decker and Kim Moran, Regulatory Division

(348) In the matter of PSC initiated USB investigation.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

APPEARANCE

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

(349) In the matter of D2012.7.81: Mountain Water Company's application for authority to increase rates and charges for water service in Missoula, Montana.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Kavulla and Koopman dissenting.

APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(350) In the matter of D2013.12.85: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval to purchase and operate PPL Montana's hydroelectric facilities.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the motion for protective order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

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

(351) In the matter of D2013.12.83: NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees.

Discussion only, no action taken.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(352) In the matter of D2013.5.34: NorthWestern Energy's Natural Gas tracker.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to DIRECT staff to issue a notice of additional issues. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(353) In the matter of D2008.1.6: PSC investigation of Qwest Corporation regarding the justness and reasonableness of rates, schedules, and terms and conditions of service.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the motion for stay until the CenturyLink request for waiver in D2013.11.78 is acted on by the Commission. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division

(354) In the matter of D2013.10.76: Qwest dba CenturyLink's petition to approve replacement of the performance assurance plan.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the petition. 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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