

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on August 11, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner via phone
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Bob Lake, Commissioner

Commissioner Kavulla was excused from the work session and left his proxy with Chairman Johnson.

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(213) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 3, 2015.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of August 3, 2015. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division

(214) In the matter of out of state staff travel.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the out of state staff travel of Tina Shorten, Lori Sandru, and one attorney to Boise, ID to tour the MDU call center, meet with the CenturyLink Customer Advocacy team and the Idaho Commission staff September 16-18, 2015. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(215) In the matter of N2015.7.55: CenturyLink's access service ordering and billing system consolidation plan.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the proposed consolidation plan. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(216) In the matter of state rail safety managers letter.

Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE forwarding the state rail safety managers' letter to

Montana's Congressional Delegation and DIRECTED staff to bring a subsequent work session regarding rules for individual crossing jurisdictions under the savings clause. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Lake dissenting.

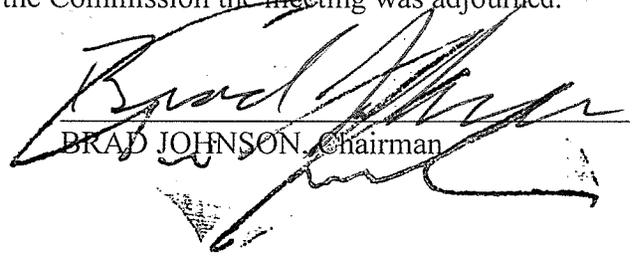
APPEARANCE

Laura Farkas and Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(217) In the matter of D2014.12.99: Liberty Utilities Company's joint application for approval of a sale and transfer of stock.

Commissioner Lake moved to DENY the motion for reconsideration providing clarification as to the special protections. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Johnson and Kavulla dissenting.

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



BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman



KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner



ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner



BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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