

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Bob Lake, Commissioner (by phone)
Roger Koopman, Commissioner
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner (by phone)

APPEARANCE

(Video 08:26)

Rhonda Simmons, Commission Secretary

(30) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 12, 2018.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 12, 2018. Vice Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Chief Legal Counsel/Administrator, Legal Division
Brenda Koch, Regulatory Division

(Video 08:42)

(31) In the matter of Docket T-18-1.OTSC, South Lake Taxi, LLC.

Chairman Johnson moved to CANCEL the authority for this entity. Vice Chairman Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 11:17)

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division

(32) In the matter of Docket No. D2016.9.68, NorthWestern Energy's Natural Gas Rate Case, Phase II – Cost Allocation and Rate Design.

Vice Chairman Kavulla moved to APPROVE the stipulation and issue order consistent with the discussion of the Commission. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 21:06)

Justin Kraske, Chief Legal Counsel/Administrator, Legal Division
Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division

(33) In the matter of the PSC Initiated Rulemaking Concerning the Standard for Incurring a

Legally Enforceable Obligation for Qualifying Facilities.

Chairman Johnson moved to AUTHORIZE the rulemaking process. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

(Video 34:55)

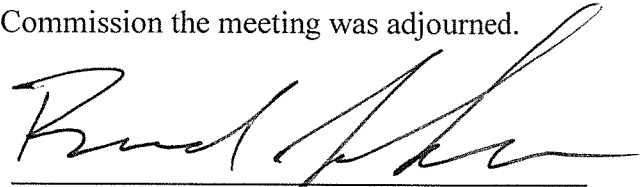
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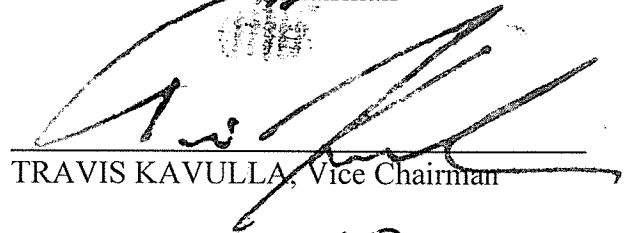
(34) In the matter of Bear Gulch Solar, LLC, *et al.*'s Complaint in Federal District Court against the Montana Public Service Commission and Commissioners in their Official Capacity.

The Commission convened a closed session in which there was discussion only and no action taken.

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



BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



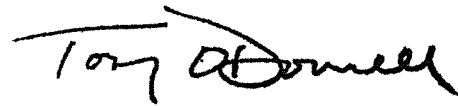
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TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

