

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 7, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the KMB Video Conference in Florida, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(138) In the matter of GFG Docket D96.7.123 - On June 19, 1996, GFG filed its annual gas cost tracker seeking authority to increase rates for natural gas service. On July 8, 1996, GFG filed a general rate application which also requested an increase in rates for natural gas service. The two dockets have been consolidated into this docket. A Final Order has been drafted and is ready for action by the 3 Commissioner Quorum (McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson) on this docket. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Final Order No. 5933b. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(139) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.3.47 - On March 19, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed to introduce Rotary Line Service. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(140) In the matter of BIG SKY TECH VS. USWC - Docket D97.3.51 - On March 26, 1997, Big Sky Technologies filed a formal complaint against USWC. Request Commission approval to issue a Notice of Complaint. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the issuance of a Notice of Complaint. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(141) In the matter of TN1850 - Waste Management of Montana, Inc. dba Waste Management of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana requests authorization to continue the lease of PSC No. 9369 to Sanitation, Inc., Lewistown, Montana for one year, April 3, 1997 to April 3, 1998.

Class D - Garbage and refuse within the town of Raynesford, Montana and a five mile radius thereof and within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation service provided by roll off containers is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request to continue the lease of PSC No. 9369 for a period of one year. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(142) In the matter of TN1851 - LaVelle Powder Co., Inc., Butte, Montana requests authorization to suspend PSC No. 3237 for a final six month period, March 19, 1997 to September 19, 1997.

Class C - Property in the City of Butte, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto but within a distance not exceeding 10 miles from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property (except household goods) between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend PSC No. 3237 for a final six month period. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(143) In the matter of TN1852 - Dan Kautz dba VIP Limousine, Billings, Montana requests authorization to lease PSC No. 8920 to Candi Vanderley dba VIP Limousine, Billings, Montana for four months, April 7, 1997 to August 7, 1997 pending completion of a sale and transfer proceeding.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Yellowstone and Sweetgrass Counties. Limitations: 1) Transportation of Burlington Northern train crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation is limited to five (5) passengers or less per vehicle and further limited to limousine transportation only. 3) Reservations for limousine service must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 4) Transportation as a taxi or jitney is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 8920 for 4 months. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(144) In the matter of TN1853 - Clark's Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests authorization to continue the lease of PSC No. 3091 to Cody Bus Lines, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana for one year, March 25, 1997 to March 25, 1998.

Class B - Persons and baggage, in charter service, between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana, on the one hand, and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana, subject to the following: Limitations: (a) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited; (b) the charter trip must originate or terminate in Carbon County, Montana; Charter service except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Class B - Passengers and baggage in charter service, (1) between all points and places in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties, and (2) from any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties to all points and places within the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to any point in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1)

Charter transportation originating or terminating in Billings, Montana, Laurel, Montana, and points and places in Yellowstone County within a fifteen (15) mile radius of Billings, Montana, and Laurel, Montana, is prohibited. (2) The following counties are excluded for origination (including pickup) of service: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Glacier, Cascade, Toole, Sanders,

Teton, Pondera, Missoula, Lewis & Clark, Silver Bow, Gallatin, and Ravalli.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant permission to continue to lease PSC No. 3091 for a period of one year. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(145) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of March 24 and March 31, 1997. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(146) In the matter of the approval of the Commission's May, 1997 Calendar; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the May, 1997. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending an EPRI meeting but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was attending the KMB Video Conference in Florida but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Pipeline Safety Rules; Commissioner Oberg moved to notice the repeal of segments of the 2 hour rule. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(148) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MDU Tracker Procedure/Gas Tracker - Docket No. D97.3.43/D97.3.56; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the issuance of the protective order. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 14, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(149) In the matter of WORLDCOM, INC. - Docket N97.3.53; On March 28, 1997, WorldCom, Inc. filed revised tariff pages adjusting the peak and off-peak periods. Peak hours changed from 8:00 a.m. through 4:59 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday). The off-peak hours changed from 5:00 p.m. through 7:59 a.m. to 7:01 p.m. through 6:59 a.m. (Monday through Thursday and Friday night through Monday morning). This is strictly a text change. Commissioner Rowe move to approve the text change. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(150) In the matter of ENERGY WEST - Docket D97.3.44; On March 14, 1997, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than 100,000 shares of stock related to its Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 100,00 Pursuant to a private placement of stock; 200,000 shares of stock as part of its Incentive Stock Option Plan, and 100,000 shares of stock associated with its Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Default Order No. 5975. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammell, Robin McHugh

(151) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC ISDN Filing and pending motions - Docket No. D96.7.121; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action which grants the motions for proper servicing, requires responses or objections by May 1, 1997 and rebuttal testimony by May 15, and directing staff to schedule an attorneys conference. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T's 1+ Intra LATA petition; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Hearing with a contemplated legislative/workshop format. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammell, Mike Sheard

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T/USWC Arbitration and pending motions for an extension of time to file for reconsideration - Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant USWC until April 30, 1997 to file an extension to file motions for reconsideration and to note that the Commission does not contemplate further hearings or reopening of issues. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion.

As a substitute motion, Commissioner Anderson moved to grant an extension until April 30, 1997 to file motions for reconsideration. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree and Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney, Mike Sheard, Robin McHugh

(154) In the matter of Extended Area Service - Docket No. D95.10.146 and D95.10.147; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject the EAS compliance and implementation filing of USWC. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which failed 1-3-1. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg dissented. Commissioner Anderson abstained.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang

(155) In the matter of PSC vs USWC Service Quality Settlement Agreement; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reject USWC's alternative application of settlement agreement. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott, Eric Eck

(156) In the matter of Post Stipulation Presentation Work Session Montana Power Company's Natural Gas Rate Case - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Stipulation #1 and #2. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to defer action on Stipulation #3. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to remove the stay on the procedural schedule and directed staff to issue it.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(157) In the matter of USWC Comm/Net Interconnection Agreement - Docket No. D97.4.64; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject the filing as an arbitrated agreement and note it may be refiled as a negotiated agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg abstained.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 21, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation, but left his votes on each of the regularly scheduled agenda items with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was attending the ROC Conference, but left his votes on each of the regularly scheduled agenda items with the Commission Secretary. Two additional items were added to the agenda Monday morning, therefore Commissioners Anderson and Rowe did not vote on them.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(159) In the matter of AT&T COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.59; On April 4, 1997, AT&T Communications filed Advice 97-4, to implement IntraLATA Inbound Rates for UniPlan Flat Rate Pricing Option and Basic Service Option. Minor text changes were also filed. The proposed tariff changes are to become effective April 21, 1997. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

Additional Items

Robin McHugh, Administrator
Legal Division

(160) In the matter of AIRPAGE/John Emery vs USWC - Docket No. D97.4.63; Commissioner Oberg moved to notice the complaint. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe did not vote on this item.

(161) In the matter of USWC/PTI - Docket D96.2.15; PTI filed a request to have until May 2, 1997 to respond to the Joint Motion for Reconsideration by MCI and AT&T. Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the motion and allow the Notice of Commission Action to read "any party" may respond to PTI's motion. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(162) In the matter of Docket T-97.4.PCN; On January 15, 1997, Donald A. Hurley dba Bodysnatchers Etc., Billings, Montana filed an application for a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessary. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers by classic car between all points and places in Bighorn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to passenger vehicles having a capacity not to exceed six (6) passengers. (2) Transportation is limited to classic vintage automobile service only. (3)

Transportation as a bus, jitney, or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (5) The hiring of antique and classic car service must be for entire vehicle, and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited. (6) Antique, classic and stretch limousine are prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the stipulation grant of authority. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(163) In the matter of TN1854 - Clark's Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests authorization to continue the lease of PSC No. 9388 to Michael J. Vick and Nancy E. Immel dba Red Lodge Shuttle, Red Lodge, Montana for one year, April 15, 1997 to April 15, 1998.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant permission for the continuation to lease PSC No. 9388 for a period of one year. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(164) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of April 7, 1997 and April 14, 1997. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation, but left his vote on the following item with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was attending the ROC Conference, but left his vote on the following item with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(165) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L's RAMPP-4 Update of Integrated Resource Planning - N97.1.4; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action responding to the filing declining to rule on merits pending next annual report. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not leave a vote on this item. Commissioner Rowe was attending the ROC Conference, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Mike Lee

(166) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ASIMI filing - tariff filing and Protective Order - Docket No. D96.6.106; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Protective Order for the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not vote on this specific motion. Commissioner Rowe was attending the ROC Conference, and did not vote on this specific motion.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Robin McHugh

(167) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Senate Bill 390 passage; Commissioner Oberg moved to ask Montana Power Company to appear before the Commission with an Information Meeting on Electric Restructuring as soon as possible after May 5, 1997. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang, Ron Woods

(168) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of implementation of Senator Bill 89; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct Chair to develop a list of Universal Access Oversight members reflecting broad based interests, that served on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force, for PSC confirmation. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to develop rules on Universal Access Programs and circulate informally with interested parties before presentation to the Commission. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved that the Commission hold a non-formal Round Table/Workshop to discuss implementation of Senate Bill 89. Staff is directed to develop a notice for said meeting. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(169) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Motion for Reconsideration for US West Communication, Inc.'s Combination Service tariff filing; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant USWC's Motion for Reconsideration and directed staff to develop an expedited procedural schedule. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 28, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(170) In the matter of PACIFICORP - Docket N97.1.4; At a work session on April 22, 1997, the Commission directed staff to draft a Notice of Commission Action in response to PacifiCorp's 1997 IRP Report and RAMPP-4 Update. A draft Notice has been prepared and distributed which states the PSC's intent to wait until the Company files its next IRP report to respond to any action plan changes.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the draft Notice of Commission Action as final.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(171) BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D97.4.57; On April 2, 1997, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 4, 1997. Requests for hearing were due by April 28, 1997. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$3,482 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No.83.4.25. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Default Order No. 5976. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(172) AT&T COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.74; On April 17, 1997, AT&T Communications filed Advice 97-6 to introduce AT&T CustomNet Simply Better Pricing Option and Special Access usage. Text changes affected were to add intrastate service to the interstate AT&T CustomNet Service. The changes become effective on April 28, 1997. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Nickie Eck
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(173) In the matter of Docket T-97.14.RI - On March 20, 1997, Montana Tariff Bureau, Agent, Helena, Montana 59624 (for and on behalf of Hi-Line Moving Services, Inc., Great Falls, Montana, in an independent action) filed a request for increased Distance Commodity Rates of 10%. This increase would only apply when other carriers, booking agents, brokerage firms or others not holding Montana intrastate household goods operating authority tender third party shipments with the understanding that they expect a commission or fee for their participation.

No protests were received. The rate increase will become effective May 12, 1997.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the increase. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(174) In the matter of TN1855 - Harry Ellis dba Customized Services, Bozeman, Montana requests authorization to continue the lease of PSC No. 9246 to Rozel Corp. dba Customized Services, Bozeman, Montana for one year, April 22, 1997 to April 22, 1998.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matters and recyclables between all points and places within Madison and Gallatin Counties. Carrier may transport commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: (1) Service is prohibited to or from any points within an area in Madison County that lies within a radius of 50 miles of Dillon, Montana except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted. (2) Service is prohibited within the city of West Yellowstone, Montana, and to or from points within a radius of 25 miles thereof, except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for the continuation of the lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(175) In the matter of TN1856 - Whitefish Sober Chauffeur Taxi, Inc., Whitefish, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 8235, effective immediately.

Class B - Passengers and baggage between points in Whitefish, Montana, on the one hand, and the Kalispell bus depot, on the other. Limitations: (1) Carrier is prohibited from operating vehicles with a passenger capacity above eight (8). (2) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 8235 immediately. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(176) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 21, 1997. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 29, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard, Ron Woods

(177) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of resale and interconnection agreements between U S West Communications , Inc. and various companies - Docket Nos. D97.2.31, D97.2.32 and D97.2.19; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the resale agreement (D97.2.31 and D97.2.32), with the exception of a provision that parties will not transfer accounts for which there are arrears. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the USWC/Mid Rivers interconnection agreement in Docket No. D97.2.19. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang

(178) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of actions associated with the implementation of Senate Bill 89; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a Notice of Informal Meeting (PSC), on implementation of SB89. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(179) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Telecom providers registration; Commissioner Oberg moved to waive requirements for the filing of initial tariffs for companies registering under the recently enacted Senate Bill 89 pending the Commission's full implementation of the bill. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Eric Eck

(180) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the joint FCC/State audit (section 272); Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the limited MPSC participation in the joint audit prescribed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which allows a Federal/State joint audit team to oversee biennial audits that will be conducted by an independent auditor hired by U S West Communications, Inc.. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin

(181) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of-state-travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for up to two (2)

employees to attend a Pipeline Safety Risk Management training in Portland, Oregon on May 22 and 23, 1997. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)