

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 2, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree participated in the business meeting by telephone.

Commissioner Rowe was in Washington, D.C. testifying but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave his vote.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(227) In the matter of WORLDCOM, INC. -- Docket No. D97.5.84; On May 14, 1997, WorldCom, Inc. filed tariff revisions to include a new service called Intelenet, which is a full service voice product for single or multi-location customers, and to modify WorldCom's backbilling language, changing the time limit for backbilling from 3 months to 180 days. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(228) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of May 19, 1997 and May 27, 1997. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

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 Monday, June 9, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent due to surgery but left votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(229) In the matter of AT&T COMMUNICATIONS -- Docket No. D97.5.89; On May 23, 1997, AT&T Communications filed Advice 97-8. This filing restructures the AT&T 800 Plan P Rates from a Day, Evening & Night/Weekend to a Single Rate Per Minute of Use (\$.25) for all times of the day. This was a notice item on 6/2/97. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(230) In the matter of Docket T-97.27.AR; Lynn J. Labatte dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana, PSC No. 5039, has not met Class D carrier requirements, and has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1996 annual report filing.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste within the City of Culbertson, and a 20 mile radius thereof.

Class D - Garbage within the town of Bainville, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Rowe moved to accept the verified statements as meeting minimum use standards.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(231) In the matter of the Docket T-97.28.AR; Curtis D. Owen dba Owen Waste Collection Service, Big Sandy, Montana, PSC No. 9374 has not met Class D carrier requirements, and has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1996 annual report filing.

Class D - Garbage within the city of Big Sandy, Montana and a one (1) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the verified statement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree 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

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, June 10, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(232) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MDU's request to adopt a revised cost of gas tracking proposal -- Docket No. D97.3.43; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order approving a revision of MDU's gas tacking procedure to monthly as modified by Commission and staff for further consideration. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, at which time Commissioner Anderson made a substitution motion moving to direct staff to resolve procedural details and schedule public meetings. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Anderson, Rowe and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang

(233) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of opening a docket to consider discounts for schools and libraries as required by the FCC Universal Services Rules -- Docket No. D97.6.97. Commissioner Rowe moved to open a docket and issue a request for comments on an expedited basis to establish telephone discounts for schools and libraries. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Laura Calkin

(234) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget and allocations for travel and approval of out of state travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve staff travel for one staff member to NARUC summer meetings, one to a Universal Service meeting in Washington, DC, and one to attend a Consumer Affairs meeting in New York City. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the allocation of travel funds as recommended by Centralized Services Administrator. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(235) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/PTI Centrex/Digitrex motions for reconsideration -- Docket No. D96.2.15; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the order subject to editing denying motions for reconsideration. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-2. Commissioner Fisher cast vote for Commissioner McCaffree, who had given "aye"

vote in directing to draft. Order conforms to her previous vote and direction. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(236) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Citizens Telephone interLATA dialing parity plan -- Docket No. D97.3.48; Commissioner Rowe moved to notice Citizens Telephone Co. proposed order on its intraLATA dialing parity plan. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(237) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Co. payphone tariff -- Docket No. D97.5.86; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant interim approval of LPAL portion of tariff (local public access line) and suspend further revisions to consider in Docket D97.2.33. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(238) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a USWC tariff for a revision of measured public; Commissioner Rowe moved to consolidate consideration into Docket D96.12.220. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(239) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pipeline safety rules; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt of the repeal of the two hour notice provision as published according to MAPA. Commissioner Anderson 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 Wednesday, June 11, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson

(240) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of electric and gas restructuring. Commissioner McCaffree moved to appoint Commissioner Anderson to the transition committee as required by SB 390. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

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, June 23, 1997, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(241) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. -- Docket No. N97.5.88; On May 23, 1997, Sprint Communications filed the following tariff changes: The Casual Caller Service Charge (per call charge) will increase from \$.80 to \$1.30; and the Direct Dialed Calls to Directory Assistance will increase from \$.95 per call to \$1.10. Miscellaneous textual changes have also been filed to Service Hours/Rate Periods. This was a notice item on 6/9/97. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(242) In the matter of LINCOLN TELEPHONE CO., INC. -- Docket No. N97.5.92; On May 30, 1997, Lincoln Telephone filed tariff changes adding Unlimited Access to the Internet at the current fee of \$25.00 per month. For those who do not need unlimited access, they will offer 10 hours of usage at \$9.95 per month and/or usage over 10 hours will be \$2.00 per hour. Also, textual changes have been filed to Rates for Internet Access, by removing the distinction between personal and business accounts. This was a notice item on 6/9/97. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(243) In the matter of RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY -- Docket No. N97.5.86; Ronan Telephone Co. included in its May 20, 1997, payphone tariff filing a non-related request to withdraw two obsolete service offerings: Joint User Service and Interexchange Receiving Service. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the withdrawal of the two obsolete service offerings. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(244) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY -- Docket No. D97.6.95; On June 11, 1997, the Montana Power Company filed an application for authority to issue and sell an additional 3,000,000 shares of its No Par Value Common Stock pursuant to its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the issuance of the stock. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(245) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- Docket No. N97.5.93; On May 30, 1997, MCI filed minor text changes in the MCI Sure Savings Option and the Basic Calling Plan Option. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the text changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(246) In the matter of Docket T-97.22.ST; John B. Toenyes dba Great Falls Historic Trolley, Great Falls, Montana has filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9382, to Carol T. Place dba Great Falls Historic Trolley, Montana.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Great Falls, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Limitations: Transportation is restricted to that provided by replica motorized trolley. Carrier is restricted from additionally providing off-vehicle guided tours of historical and natural attractions in conjunction with the transportation fare.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9382. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(247) In the matter of TN 1861; Central Cab & Transfer Co., Butte, Montana requests authorization to lease PSC No. 602 to Tucker Transportation, Butte, Montana for one year, June 23, 1997 to June 23, 1998.

Class C - Property as specified, props, drops and scenery for shows and trunks, baggage, beer, light housekeeping fixtures and light moving jobs, within the City of Butte, and not over a radius of five (5) miles from the City of Butte.

Class B - Persons, within the City of Butte, Montana, and between points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.

Limitations: Regular or scheduled service as a jitney or bus is prohibited on or over any route.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 602 for one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner 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

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 Wednesday, June 25, 1997, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(248) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of an order on motions of parties to reconsider the Commission's arbitration decision between US West and AT&T -- Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the order on petitions for reconsideration subject to editing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Bonnie Lorang

(249) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its proposed order on telephone price discounts for schools and libraries as required by FCC order - D97.6.97; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the proposed order as the final order approving intrastate discounts for schools, libraries and federal funding. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney, Dan Elliott

(250) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its appointment to the Telecommunications Committee instituted in SB 89; Commissioner Rowe moved to appoint Commissioner Oberg as the PSC's representative to the Telecommunications Committee. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(251) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its past stipulation hearing discussion of pending issues in MPC's natural gas restructuring case -- Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Bear Paw stipulation, defer action on Stipulation #3 and reinstitute a procedural schedule for hearing of the issues. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(252) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the electric industry restructuring; Commissioner Anderson moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Bonneville Power Administration urging it to begin necessary administrative processes to allow it to participate in, and be a member of, IndeGO. 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)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, June 25, 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

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(253) In the matter of the Commission's discussion Citizens dialing parity plan -- Docket No. D97.3.48; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a final order including a requirement that Citizens provide a script upon request. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

(254) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West's ISDN -- Docket No. D96.7.121; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant US West's motion to compel AT&T to answer data requests within 10 days. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

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)