

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 3, 2002, the following members were present:

- Gary Feland, Chairman
- Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary via email.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(1) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Inc., Docket No. N2001.12.163; On December 6, 2001 Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-38, proposing two business promotions. In the first promotion, new or existing business customers who purchase CustomChoice For Business or a Qwest Business Line Plus will be given a \$50.00 rebate after they have had service for 60 days. Only one rebate will be provided per account. The second promotion, existing business customers who purchase an additional flat-rate business line, CustomChoice For Business, an additional analog Centrex 21 line, an additional Qwest Business Line Plus line or a Qwest Utility Line will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge associated with the installation of the line. The waiver will apply to one line per account. The effective date for these two promotions for business customers is from January 7, 2002 through March 29, 2002. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotional tariff filing. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

(2) In the matter of Project Telephone Company., Docket No. N2001.12.162; On November 27, 2001, Project filed revised tariff sheets for both project Telephone Company and Valley Telecommunications, Inc. In this filing the companies are requesting to provide a new special service called Reserved Number Call Forward. This feature provides users with a reserved number in the central office, which is only used for the purpose of automatically forwarding call to a designated answering location. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(3)In the matter of TN2122; Milam, Inc. dba A-Limo Limousine Co., Billings, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 8943 to Rodney R. Willson and Cindy Reed dba A-Limo Limousine Service, Billings, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, January 3, 2002 to January 3, 2003.

SUB A Class B - Passengers by limousine between all points and places in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to passenger vehicles having a capacity not to exceed twelve (12) passengers. (2) Transportation is limited to limousine (luxury 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.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the lease. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(4) In the matter of TN2123; Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage, Billings, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9332 to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a one (1) year period, December 23, 2001 to December 23, 2002.

Class B - Passengers and their personal belongings between all points and places in the State of Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with a rated seating capacity of eight or less. (2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Yellowstone County. (3) No passenger transportation services shall originate or terminate within Fergus, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Toole, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties, with the exception of Fort Smith, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (4) Transportation utilizing luxury limousines or motor coach (bus) is prohibited. (5) Transportation of railroad personnel is prohibited. (6) Transportation movements which both originate and terminate within Billings, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof are prohibited. (7) Transportation may not originate within Flathead County.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(5) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 17, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
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 Thursday, January 8, 2002, the following members were present:

- Gary Feland, Chairman
- Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner
- Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left his votes and one proxy with the Commission Secretary via email.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney, Marla Larson

(6) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Communications, Inc. application for approval of Section 271 entry – Checklist Items 1 (Interconnection), 11 (Local Number Portability), and 14 (Resale), Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Final Report regarding Items 1 and 11. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Action on Item 14 was deferred to next week.)

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(7) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Communications, Inc. application for approval of Section 271 entry – Qwest’s Motion to Strike Touch America’s Comments and Exclude Touch America from CLEC Forum, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to 1) exclude billing issues from the forum, 2) include other issues raised by Touch America at the end of the workshop, 3) instruct Touch America to submit a brief statement between the issues raised by Touch America and Qwest’s 271 entry. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(8) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company’s Default Supply Portfolio Filing – Petition of Montana Wind Harness, LLC for Late Intervention, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Rowe moved to allow the late intervention of Montana Wind Harness. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel, Scott Fabel

(9) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. Application for Withdrawal of Sent Paid Coin Service, Docket No. N2001.12.165; Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend action for 30 days and instruct the interested parties to report back within that time; if the parties request further action to do so formally and within those 30 days. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue (deferred from the business meeting agenda).

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

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
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