

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(315) In the matter of Hinson Power Company, LLC, Docket No. N2002.7.88; On July 10, 2002, Hinson Power Company LLC filed an application for a license to supply electricity in the state of Montana. If it is granted a license, Hinson would sell power to Columbia Falls Aluminum Company. Hinson Power Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CFAC. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the license. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(316) In the matter of Yellowstone Pipeline Company, Docket No. D2002.2.19; On June 21, 2002, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application for an approximate 20 percent decrease in rates from an increase of 53 percent, which the Commission approved in March of 2001 due to increased power costs. This decrease is for the pipeline between Billings and Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls & Missoula. Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the rate decrease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(317) In the matter of CenturyTel, Docket No. N2002.7.82; On July 3, 2002, CenturyTel filed Tariff advice no. 02-5. In this filing CenturyTel is requesting to run a promotion for addition lines and Caller ID. The promotion is scheduled to run from August 15, 2002, through September 30, 2002. The non-recurring charges will be waived for customers who subscribe to additional lines at the same premises during the promotion. The company also plans to conduct a promotion in which the first months charge for the Caller ID feature will be waived for the customers who subscribe during the promotion. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(318) In the matter of TN2146; Charles R. Irvin, Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1086 to Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana for a one year period, May 25, 2002 to May 25, 2003.

Class C - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property 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, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

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

(319) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 15, 2002. Commissioner Anderson 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

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Lisa Swanson

(320) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy' s 2002 Avoided Cost Compliance Filing, Docket No. D2002.7.80; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a protective order based on the fact that some of the information is defined on the protective order and noting this is the only time to act on it for several weeks. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist, Susan Good

(321) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy' s Green Power Service, Docket No. D2002.7.81; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice of opportunity to comment and request a hearing, and reserve issuing the interim order under until further information is received and discussion had. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(322) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Forum on Electric Restructuring Issues; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice of opportunity to comment as amended. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Susan Good

(323) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the proposed PSC partnership with the Mongolian energy regulatory body; Commissioner Rowe moved to enter into the partnership with the Mongolian energy regulatory body through USAID. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Feland and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson, David Burchett

(324) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Company's application for changes in water service tariffs and application for authority to increase rates and charges for water service, Dockets No. D2001.12.158 and D2002.5.60; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion to consolidate the dockets. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(325) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications application to amend non-rate access tariffs, Docket No. D2001.7.98; Commissioner Rowe moved to extend the existing Clark Fork protective order to Qwest's Feature Group D customers. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

(326) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve travel for Susan Good to the NARUC Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney, Mike Lee, Marla Larson, Scott Fabel

(327) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's Application for Approval of Section 271, Consultative Report, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve final consultative report subject to edits. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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