

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 11, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick  
Utility Division

(60) In the matter of Black Hills Corporation, Docket No. N2003.2.17; On January 17, 2003, and pursuant to § 69-8-201, MCA, Black Hills Corporation filed a request for a waiver from the requirements in § 69-8-402, MCA, Universal System Benefits Programs. A staff memo and draft Notice of Commission Action were distributed. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the waiver. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(61) In the matter of CenturyTel, Docket No. N2003.1.12; On January 27, 2003, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No 03-1, Type (13) Tariff – Rates and Conditions, Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of the filing is to introduce National Directory Assistance Service. The service provides the customer with telephone numbers for individuals or businesses outside the local calling area. Call completion will also be offered where the telephone company switch is capable of providing this new service. There is no charge for first three (3) calls from a residential account. Each additional call will be \$0.95. Each call from a business account will be \$0.95. The requested effective date is February 27, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(62) In the matter of T-03.1.RI; On December 9, 2002 Yellow Cab, Inc. of Missoula, Missoula, Montana filed for increased rates and charges covering their passenger transportation under PSC No. 482 and 1633. This increased rates and charges of between 17% and 50% were noticed to the public on January 7, 2003 and no protests were received.

PSC No. 483

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

PSC No. 1633

SUB A Class B - Persons within the City of Missoula, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five miles in any direction from said city.

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

(63) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 3, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Steve Vick, Martin Jacobson

(64) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Schneider moved to testify as an informational witness on HB 498. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel, Robin McHugh

(65) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC Investigation of Qwest's Rate of Return, Docket No. D2003.2.22; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the notice of complaint. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Commissioner Brainard offered a substitute motion to issue a notice of investigation and complaint. Commissioner Schneider seconded the substitute motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, 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, February 13, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

- Robin McHugh, Monica Tranel, Mike Lee, Kate Whitney
- Steve Vick, Wayne Budt, Eric Eck

(66) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Schneider moved to support HB 580, the telecommunications carrier dispute resolution bill. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to appear as an informational witness on SB 330. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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