

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman, via telephone
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner

Commissioners Schneider and Stovall were absent but the votes were left open. Both Commissioners later cast their written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Presenting Business Meeting Agenda

(102) In the matter of TN2173; P.S. Charter Montana, Inc., Chinook, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 9254, effective immediately. Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the cancellation effective immediately. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Schneider and Stovall later cast their votes aye, making the vote unanimous.

(103) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 10, 2003. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Schneider and Stovall later cast their votes aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Steve Vick, Mike Lee

(104) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/personnel; Commissioner Jergeson moved to send Marla Larson to the CREPC meeting in Salt Lake City (at an approximate cost of \$1,000). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Schneider and Stovall cast their votes aye, making the vote unanimous.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to send Will Rosquist to the BPA meeting on BPA money. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Schneider and Stovall cast their votes aye, making the vote unanimous.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to provide tuition assistance to new hire (Michael A. Morris, position 42100025, Rate Analyst III) to take the necessary economics courses (recommended by Mike Lee). Tuition assistance provided at 2/3rds rate of Carroll College's price for the class, but allowing economist to take the course at a Montana accredited institute of higher education that is most cost effective (candidate to buy own books). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Schneider and Stovall cast their votes aye, making the vote unanimous.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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 Wednesday, March 19, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of BFI Complaint against MacKenzie Disposal, Docket No. T-00.4.COM; Commissioner Brainard moved to continue the hearing and make a substitution of staff counsel (removing Martin Jacobson). Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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, March 20, 2003, the following members were present:

- Bob Rowe, Chairman
- Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
- Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
- Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Schneider was absent and the votes were left open for him. He later cast his written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick, Bob Nelson

(106) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MCC-PSC Fees; Commissioner Jergeson moved to initiate a discussion with the DOR, MCC and stakeholders to develop a longer term tax proposal to be presented to the appropriate oversight committee and the next legislature. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Schneider later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

No Staff (Commissioner Rowe)

(107) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Default Supply Guidelines, Docket No. L-02.11.5-RUL; Commissioner Jergeson moved to revise the clause in the first paragraph of the 3/18/03 staff memo by replacing the stricken language with "consistent with these guidelines and affording an opportunity to public input" and placing the new language at the front of the paragraph. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Schneider later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to accept the proposed clarification in paragraph 4 of the 3/18/03 staff memo. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Schneider later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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