

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Schneider was absent and did not leave written votes with the Commission Secretary. The votes were left open for him.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(136) In the matter of T-03.8.RI; On February 28, 2003 Helena Unlimited, Inc. dba Last chance Tours, Helena, Montana applied for increased passenger rates of between 9 and 14 percent covering their passenger operations, Class A, in the City of Helena, Montana. The rate increase was noticed to the public on March 5, 2003 and no protests were received. Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

(137) In the matter of T-03.26.PCN (TA); UG, Inc. dba Capitol Taxi, Helena, Montana has submitted a request for temporary authority, accompanied by a permanent authority request for the following:

Class B – Passengers from Helena, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof, to dialysis treatment centers in Great Falls, Montana, and return.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the temporary authority. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

(138) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 31, 2003. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(139) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2003.3.36; On March 24, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 03-07, Grandfather Certain Consumer Packages. Qwest's objective is to simplify the packaged offerings for residential customers. It is Qwest's intent to make the ValueChoice and PreferredChoice packages the "flagship" packaged for residential customers. Qwest proposes to grandfather CustomChoice, CustomChoice on an Additional Line, MontanaChoice, PopularChoice, Two-Line PopularChoice, CustomChoice Complete, Two-Line CustomChoice Complete, SelectPak and the additional line packages: Fax Package, Teen/Roommate Package and Home Office Package. Customers will

be allowed to retain their packages as long as they remain at the same location for the same customer. Where applicable, customers will be allowed to add or delete features within their package and will be able to add additional features on an a-la-carte basis without losing the "grandfather" status. The changes are being proposed in all in-region Qwest jurisdictions. All customers who have one of the existing packages will be notified of Qwest's intent by bill insert in their March bills. Customers who subscribe to the additional line packages will be sent a postcard around March 28 2003 advising them of Qwest's intent to grandfather their package. Qwest is requesting a May 5, 2003 effective date. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous

(140) In the matter of CenturyTel, Docket No. N2003.3.33; On March 18, 2003, CenturyTel file transmittal No. 03-03. The purpose of this filing is to add a new packaged service called Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. In addition, a new custom calling feature called Privacy Protector is being added to the Custom Calling Section and as a feature of Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. CenturyTel is requesting that this tariff become effective April 17, 2003. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the new service package. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

(141) In the matter of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Docket No. N2003.3.35; On March 20, 2003, MCI filed transmittal Letter No. 03-05. The purpose of this filing is: 1) to allow MCI to make textual change to Prism Plus, stating the actual calling card surcharge that refers to the FCC, 2) to revise customer's eligibility of Integrated service discount promotion, and 3) to introduce Integrated Promotion 2 and Integrated Service Prepaid Card. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel

(142) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's Long Distance Tariff Filing, Docket No. N2002.12.153; Commissioner Jergeson moved to continue the work session until Thursday (4/10/03) with instruction/invitation to Qwest to secure filing of documents by appropriate legal counsel or accomplishing the regulatory requirement for out of state counsel (pro hac vice application). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(143) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers Telephone Application for Extended Area Service with Billings Region for the Musselshell Exchange, Docket No. D2001.11.147; Commissioner Stovall moved to reconsider the Commission's earlier survey requirement and move directly to hearings in Billings and Roundup. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby

(144) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort's Application for Initial Water and Sewer Rates, Docket No. D2001.12.173; Commissioner Brainard moved to grant the late intervention to Espeland Resort Properties LLC dba Fairmont RV Park. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett, Marla Larson

(145) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana's General Gas Rate Case, Docket No. D2002.9.120; Commissioner Jergeson moved to accept the stipulation with the March revised rates and drop the rate case surcharge. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who 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

(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, April 9, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Jergeson

(146) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to support the Senate amendment and request a free conference be appointed to consider an amendment allowing an automatic adjustment only if taxes cause rate of return to be below last authorized rate of return. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company and Blackfoot Telecommunications Reciprocal Compensation, Docket No. D2000.1.14; Commissioner Brainard moved to adopt the order on reconsideration and pending motions, subject to minor edits. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye but dissented in part on rural exemption and effect on federal litigation.

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, April 10, 2003, the following members were present:

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

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes with Commissioner Schneider.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel

(148) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's Long Distance Tariffs, Docket No. D2001.12.153; Commissioner Jergeson moved to continue the time for Qwest to file a pro hac vice application for David McGann to April 15, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Schneider cast Commissioner Rowe's vote aye.

APPEARANCE
Monica Tranel, Mike Lee

(149) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC's Implementation of the FCC's Triennial Review Order, Docket No. D2003.4.46; Commissioner Jergeson moved to issue a notice of opportunity to comment, subject to minor edits. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Schneider cast Commissioner Rowe's vote aye.

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

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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