

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 14, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

- Scott Fabel
- Utility Division

(412) In the matter of Qwest Communications - Docket No. N2003.9.141: On September 29, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-28, Update 911 Tariff Language. The purpose of this filing is to change the Montana 911 Service Tariff to update the language for pricing mileage to host and remote end offices. The effect of this language is to reduce the mileage charges for customers since they will pay only to the host and not to the remote. Qwest is requesting a November 1, 2003 effective date for this tariff.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve an effective date of November 1, 2003. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

- Leroy Beeby

(413) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company - Docket No. N2003.10.143: On September 30, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-03-10 introducing FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions package offerings to business customers. The Small Business Solutions offers business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The Small Business Solutions will be offered to business customers only on a contractual basis over a one, two, or three year term. The customer may within 90 days of activating the service cancel their contract without incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service. The Company is requesting a November 7, 2003 effective date.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve a November 7, 2003 effective date. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

- Wayne Budt, Administrator
- Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(414) In the matter of TN2196: Thomas F. Kenneally, Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana for a twelve month period, October 12, 2003 to October 12, 2004.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the request to continue the lease. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(415) In the matter of Approval of Commission Minutes: Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 6, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(416) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Wireless application for designation as ETC in Montana non-rural (Qwest) area - Docket No. D2003.1.14;

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny Western Wireless' motion to dismiss intervenors MITS, MTA, and RTC. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin A. McHugh

(417) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Draft "alternative dispute resolution" policy;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to issue a notice for a roundtable discussion on the proposed policy statement on alternative dispute resolution. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson

(418) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MDU Integrated Least Cost Plan - Docket No. D2003.9.135:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to extend the comment period from 30 days to 90 days. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(419) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC rulemaking - bills- or services rendered utility billing bases:

Commissioner Brainard moved to notice a proposed rulemaking on services rendered billing as the default policy. 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

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ATTEST:

Connie Jones
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(420) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE Bankruptcy: Commissioner Brainard moved to draft a letter requesting a special session for purposes of PSC funding or spending authority to deal with the NWE bankruptcy. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which failed 2 to 3. Commissioners' Schneider, Stovall and Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Marla Larson, Scott Fabel

(421) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Wholesale Cost Docket - Docket No. D2002.7.87: Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Order subject to editing. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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