

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 13, 2003, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(206) In the matter of Valet Limousine, Inc. - T-03.39.PCN: On June 23, 2003 Valet Limousine, Inc., Missoula, Montana made application to remove all seating limitations from all authority held under their PSC No. 7172. The application was noticed to the public on July 9, 2003 and a protest was received.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the application with the stated limitations agreed upon by the parties. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Jergeson, who later voted aye, making it unanimous.

(207) In the matter of Boyne USA, Inc. dba Big Sky of Montana - TN2200: Big Sky, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 7316 to Rocky Mountain Motor Coach, Inc. dba Montana Motor Coach, Belgrade, Montana for the period November 13, 2003 to October 2, 2004.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve Big Sky of Montana's request. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Jergeson, who later voted aye, making it unanimous.

(208) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes: Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of November 3, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Jergeson who later voted aye, making it unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(209) In the matter of Qwest Communications - N2003.6.80: On September 16, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-AC02, Revision to Percent Other Messages (POM). Qwest originally filed this tariff on June 17, 2003, Tariff Transmittal 03-AC01, Modification of intrastate

jurisdictional reporting requirements for switched access traffic. The proposed access tariff will allow signaling customers who purchase out of the intrastate access tariff to self report, in addition to their Percent Interstate Usage (PIU), a Percent Other Message (POM) that will further categorize intrastate signaling messages that transverse Qwest signaling network. On July 15, 2003, at a regularly scheduled work session the Commission approved the tariffs on an interim basis subject to negotiation that were currently underway with Illuminet, MITS and MTA. This revision reflects those negotiations. There are no revenue or rate impacts to Qwest or the customer with this filing.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the tariffs as final. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Jergeson, who later voted aye, making the vote unanimous.

(210) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Company - N2003.8.125: On August 27, 2003, Ronan Telephone filed revision to its tariffs. This revision includes: 1) The General Regulations-Conditions of Offering, Schedule A, 2nd revised sheet 1 through Schedule A, original Sheet 13 have been reorganized. 2) The tariff also introduces a sixty-day guarantee for specific products. 3) The addition of a late payment charge in the amount of one-half percent per month on past due amounts over \$45. 4) Reiterates the terms of installation of new local service when a consumer has an unpaid bill and clarifies the payment of interest when a service deposit is required. 5) Revised tariff that will replace terms and conditions that have been in effect since 1980. 6) Increases the restoration charge to \$15.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the revision to Ronan Telephone's tariffs. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Jergeson, who later voted aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(211) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Blackfoot Application for EAS - D2003.1.8:

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the motion to reconsider without prejudice. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brainard moved to reconsider action on the joinder motion by Ronan in the October 28, 2003 Business meeting. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners' Rowe and Jergeson dissented.

Commissioner Brainard moved to join the Coalition proposal with the Blackfoot proposal. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which failed with a vote of 2-3. Commissioners' Rowe, Brainard and Jergeson dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to convert the Coalition proposal to a stand alone case, opening a separate docket, giving the Coalition an opportunity to modify its filing if it chooses, issue notices to Qwest, Century and Blackfoot, and other interested parties as soon as possible and require Blackfoot participation in this docket as a condition to its separate EAS application. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion which passed 3-2. Commissioners' Schneider and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(212) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Triangle/Central, Northern, Blackfoot, Lincoln Various Pending Applications for EAS - Docket Nos. D2002.10.132, D2002.11.145, D2003.1.8, D2003.6.84:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to issue a protective order for Qwest traffic data in Docket Nos. D2002.10.132, D2002.11.145, D2003.1.8, D2003.6.84. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Brainard who later voted aye, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(213) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC Rulemakings, Pipeline Safety, et. al., Line Moving - L-03.9.4-RUL and L-03.9.3-RUL:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to appoint Commissioner Schneider as hearings officer for line moving and pipeline safety rule hearings. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 5-0, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(214) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE - QF Avoided Cost, QFLT-1, STPP-1 - Docket No. D2003.7.86:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve late intervention in Docket No. D2003.7.86. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 5-0, making it unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(215) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Treeline Springs LLC Application for Final Water and Sewer Rates - Docket No. D98.12.289:

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the recommended rate increases on a final basis. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 5-0, making the vote unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Monica Tranel

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Triennial Review - Docket No. D2003.5.62:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the joint proposal. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion which passed 5-0, making the vote unanimous.

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the proposed protective order as non-compliant with Commission rules. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 5-0, 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:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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