

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(214) In the matter of T-05.19.OTSC- April 15, 2005 Order to Show Cause issued to Riedlinger Investments, Inc. dba Yellowstone Taxi, West Yellowstone, Montana, PSC No. 9421, for failure to maintain liability insurance: The Order to Show Cause was sent via certified mail. It was returned as unclaimed and attempts to contact Riedlinger have not been successful.

Commissioner Raney moved to cancel the authority held under PSC No. 9421. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(215) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of May 22, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson- Legal Division
Mike Lee- Utility Division

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cable and Communications (Mid-Rivers Cell) ETC, Docket No. D2003.8.105:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to adopt and issue the Order in Docket No. D2003.8.105. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Schneider and Molnar voted nay.

APPEARANCE

Kim Moran
Utility Division

(217) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Montana Local Calling Coalition Extended Local Calling Area Service (EAS)- Docket No. D2003.12.170:

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to convene a procedural and substantive conference involving the MCC and all affected carriers in advance of proceeding with the formal process. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(218) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MT Associates Water Utility direction or act on the Final Order in Docket No. D2004.5.74:

Commissioner Schneider moved to accept and approve the draft as a Final Order of the Commission with the editorial changes described. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator
Legal Division

(219) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Company General Rate Case and Power Cost Tracker Adjustment Filing- Docket No. D2005.4.49 and D2004.9.145:

Commissioner Mood moved to deny as moot Montana Water Co.'s motion for an interim rate Order filed on October 1, 2004 in Docket No. D2004.9.145. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood moved to consolidate Dockets D2004.9.145 and D2005.4.49 for procedural purposes. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Procedural Order No. 6644 (D2005.4.49) and 6650 (D2004.9.145). Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(220) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the letter to BPA proposing principles for allocating federal power benefits to regional investor owned utilities post 2011:

Commissioner Jergeson moved that the Montana PSC approve participation in submitting comments to the BPA from the four state regulatory commissions preferred language inclusive of Commissioner Schneider's amendments, acceptable language is exclusive of Commissioner Schneider's amendments if those amendments are not accepted by other Commissions, and delegating Commissioner Schneider authority to approve other language changes submitted by other Commissions. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(221) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Personnel:

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the two (2) Utility Engineer positions to the broadband pay plan and begin processing the change immediately. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(222) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state travel:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Candace Beery's travel to the Organization of MISO states board meeting and MARC conference in Little Rock, AK June 20-23, with OMS paying travel expenses. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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