

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, October 20, 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

Phil Cooke
Utility Division

(399) In the matter of Winter Termination Policy:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the Public Service Commission delegate authority to compliance staff to approve or disapprove winter shutoff requests. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

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

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 11, 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(401) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Reply comments to be filed with the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service:

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to prepare reply comments to the Federal-State Joint Board along the lines discussed today, and further, that staff communicate the Commission's interest in encouraging the Montana Consumer Counsel to participate in the comments if they would like. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(402) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/ Personnel:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve a contract in the amount of \$4,750 with RIM Consulting, LLCA to assist the Public Service Commission with Records Management. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to eliminate the pay exception for Al Brogan as he is now broadbanded. Commissioner Molnar 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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