

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, November 17, 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

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(438) In the matter of Lincoln Telephone Company- Docket No. N2005.10.162:
On October 24, 2005, Lincoln Telephone Company filed revisions to its Lifeline/Linkup tariff. The revisions were made to update and clarify this section of the tariff.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Lincoln Telephone Company's tariff revisions in Docket No. N2005.10.162. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(439) In the matter of TN2283- Lewis & Clark Transit System, LLC, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, PSC No. 9450, requests a final six (6) months October 19, 2005 to April 19, 2006 suspension:

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

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of November 7, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(441) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest, Transnational Communications International, Inc., ZEH, L.L.C., and Ernest Communications, Inc. Wireline Interconnection Agreements- dockets D2005.9.136, D2005.9.137, and D2005.9.138:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Wireline Interconnection Agreements with Qwest/Transnational Communications International, Inc., in Docket No. D2005.9.136, Qwest/ZEH, L.L.C. in Docket No. D2005.9.137 and Qwest/Ernest Communications, Inc. in Docket No. D2005.9.138. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(442) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., AT&T, Prime Time Ventures, LLC, Vycera Communications, Inc., Transnational Communications International, Inc., Granite Telecommunications, LLC, CenturyTel of Montana, Gold Creek Cellular dba Verizon Wireless amendments to existing interconnection agreements- Docket No D97.2.19, D2004.4.66, D2005.3.37, D2005.3.41, D2005.9.136, D2003.11.158, and D2003.10.147:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the seven amendments to existing Interconnection Agreements: Qwest/Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Single Point of Presence amendment in D97.2.19; Qwest/AT&T Collocation Joint Inventory Visit amendment in D2004.4.66; Qwest/Prime Time Ventures, LLC Line Splitting amendment in D2005.3.37; Qwest/Vycera Communications, Inc. Directory and Operator Assistance amendment in D2005.3.41; Qwest/Transnational Communications International, Inc., amendment to comply with certain requirements of the Montana Public Service Commission in D2005.9.136, Qwest/Granite Telecommunications, LLC Expedites for Designed Services amendment in D2003.11.158; CenturyTel of Montana/Gold Creek Cellular dba Verizon Wireless amendment to correct a typographical error in D2003.10.147. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(443) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee SJR 39 survey. The ETIC is studying the possible creation of an ongoing energy effort, ETIC staff is surveying interested persons as to their views on this subject:

Commissioner Raney moved to submit the responses to the survey to ETIC as drafted. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(444) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FERC Docket EL05-124, PPL Montana

206 Proceeding:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize staff to file comments that are coordinated to the maximum extent possible with those of the Montana Consumer Counsel, and consistent with the discussion held this morning. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood moved to authorize staff Al Brogan, Mike Lee and Candace Beery to execute non-disclosure agreements in this case. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist
Utility Division

(445) In the matter of the Commission's discussion/ approval signing a joint letter to BPA from Northwest PSCs on residential exchange benefits for IOU customers post 2011:

Commissioner Raney moved that Montana join in signing the letter to BPA with the last technical amendment indicated by Will Rosquist sent in an e-mail this morning. Commissioner Mood 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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