

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday December 13, 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

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(465) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sprint Communications November 18, 2005 filed changes to its Montana PSC Price list. This filing proposes to make changes to various housekeeping changes to assist in standardization and clarification. No current customers are impacted by the changes in this filing- Docket No. N2005.11.168:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the changes to its Montana PSC Price List No. 1. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(466) In the matter of TN2288- On October 21, 2005 a complaint was filed by Melodie S. Bowen against Titan Enterprises, Inc. dba Diamond Cab and Diamond Wheelchair Van, Great Falls, Montana, PSC No. 308. The complaint dealt with services offered as a wheelchair van. Request for further information was submitted to the complainant and no response has been received:

Commissioner Schneider moved to dismiss with prejudice the complaint filed by Melodie S. Bowen against Titan Enterprises, Inc. dba Diamond Cab and Diamond Wheelchair Van, Great Falls, Montana, PSC No. 308. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(467) In the matter of TN2289- Town Taxi, Inc., Havre, Montana, PSC No. 9436 requests an amendment to their tariff- stating passenger service will be by advance 4 hour reservation only between 10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Service will be provided on a 24 hour basis on Friday and Saturday. Carrier submitted documentation of ridership supporting this request:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the tariff amendment on hours of service. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(468) In the matter of TN2290- James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Co., Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9297 t Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana for a one year period, December 28, 2005 to December 28, 2006:

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the continuation of the lease of PSC No. 9297 t Kenneth W. Griffith dba Ken Griffith Excavating, Baker, Montana. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 5, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan  
Utility Division

(470) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest, Mid-Rivers, Verizon, Range, Cable & Communications Corporations three Interconnection Agreements and one Interconnection Agreement Amendment- Dockets No. D2003.10.155, D2005.9.141, D2005.9.142, D2005.9.143:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Mid-Rivers/ Verizon "Points of Connection" Interconnection Agreement amendment in Docket No. D2003.10.155. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the Range/ Cable & Communications Interconnection Agreements in Dockets D2005.9.141, D2005.9.142, and D2005.9.143. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kim Moran, Utility Division  
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(471) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Montana Local Calling Coalition Stipulated Reservation-wide extended local calling area service (EAS)-Docket No. D2003.12.170:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the reservation-wide EAS according to the stipulation. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(472) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Annual Gas Tracker- Docket No. D2005.5.87:

Commissioner Schneider moved that we authorize staff to change the hearing schedule in Docket No. D2005.5.87 in a way that accommodates the parties at the earliest time available. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Al Brogan, Legal Division  
Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(473) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Application for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees- Docket No. D2004.11.186:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to deny NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Reconsideration in D2004.11.186. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(474) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy application for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees- Docket No. D2005.12.170:

Commissioner Raney moved to issue a Notice of Application, Determination of Error and Opportunity to Comment in Docket No. D2005.12.170. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Al Brogan  
Legal Division

(475) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PPL Montana Delivered Price Test filed with FERC- Docket No. FERC EL05-124:

Commissioner Schneider moved to file a response with FERC supporting Montana Consumer

Counsel's motion and Montana Consumer Counsel's recommended relief. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist  
Utility Division

(476) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2005 Electric Default Supply Resource Procurement Plan:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the extension as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Candace Beery  
Utility Division

(477) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments:

Commissioner Molnar moved to adopt option three (3) to not have OMS file comments on this informational filing, and that we not participate in the comments if OMS proceeds to file options one (1) or two (2). Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana support the filing of OMS comments as drafted in this docket, and delegate to Commissioner Jergeson to vote on any amendment offered at the OMS meeting. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division  
Eric Eck, Utility Division  
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(478) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Annual default supply cost recovery filings- Docket No. D2003.6.77 and D2004.6.90:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the draft final Order in D2003.6.77 and D2004.6.90 with the addition of the conclusion of law that will be distributed among the Commissioners for final approval. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion. Commissioner Raney withdrew his motion. Commissioner Jergeson withdrew his second.

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

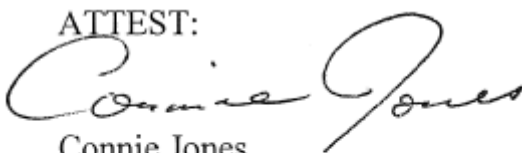
  
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ATTEST:  
  
Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday December 14, 2005, the following members were present:

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

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division  
Eric Eck, Utility Division  
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(479) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Annual default supply cost recovery filings- Docket No. D2003.6.77 and D2004.6.90:

Commissioner Raney move to approve the draft Final Order in D2003.6.77 and D2004.6.90 with the understanding that conclusion of law will be distributed for approval of the Commission prior to issuance of the Order, including the amendments adopted this morning. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Molnar and Mood voted no.

Commissioner Schneider moved for the inclusion of the amendments that were sent by Will Rosquist via e-mail this morning that addressed the lost regulatory and lag issue. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

Commissioner Raney moved to include the two paragraphs as described by staff related to Colstrip 4 and the PSC/MCC tax. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.


Commissioner Raney moved to include a brief paragraph subject to circulation similar to the conclusions of law that addresses the issue of exposure to the short term market contracts and expiring PPL contracts. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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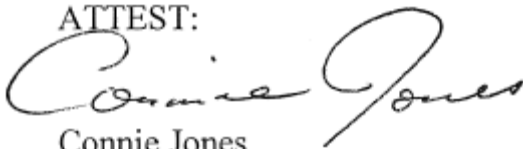
  
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