

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman  
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman  
Bob Lake, Commissioner  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner  
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

(Video 03:51)

Rhonda Simmons, Commission Secretary

(47) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 27, 2018.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of March 27, 2018. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jeremiah Langston, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division  
Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division  
(Video 04:06)

(48) In the matter of Docket D2017.11.86, NorthWestern Energy's Application for Automatic Rate Adjustment for Taxes and Fees and the Investigation of the Public Service Commission into Taxes and Fees.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to OPEN the matter for reconsideration. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT NorthWestern's motion for reconsideration and remove any reference to the Twelve Coincident Peak (12-CP) method to 2017. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-2. Vice Chairman Kavulla and Commissioner Koopman dissented.

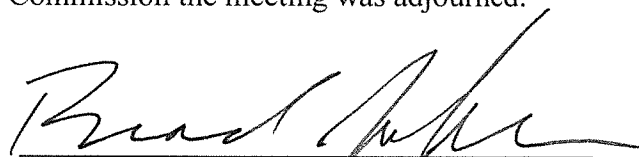
Vice Chairman Kavulla moved to the AFFIRM the application of the 12-CP methodology by replying to NorthWestern's arguments against it and correcting information in the order on tax-expense costs. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

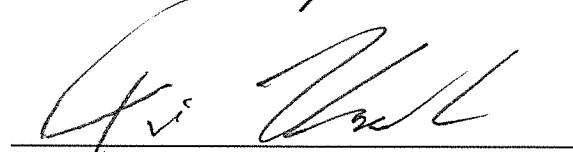
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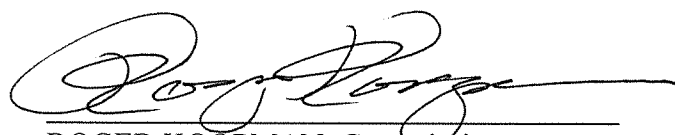
Chris Puyear, Communications Director  
Mandi Hinman, Administrator, Centralized Services  
(Video 50:49)

(49) In the matter of the PSC's new website. Discussion only; no action.

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


  
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

  
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman

  
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

  
BOB LAKE, Commissioner

  
TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

