

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 15, 2015, the following members were present:

Brad Johnson, Chairman
Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner via phone
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

Commissioner Lake was excused and left his proxy with Commissioner Bushman

APPEARANCE

Aleisha Solem, Commission Secretary

(237) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of September 7, 2015.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of September 7, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Unit

(238) In the matter of N2015.8.61: Maximum allowable rates for operator service providers.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the rate caps. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dagan Lynch, Regulatory Division

(239) In the matter of D2015.9.68 & D2015.9.67: Pass-through of fees levied on regulated companies for the funding of the Montana Consumer Counsel and the Montana Public Service Commission.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE the orders authorizing regulated companies to recover the fees in their rates. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Justin Kraske, Administrator, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division
Nickie Eck, Transportation Unit

(240) In the matter of T-15.29.COC: Raiser LLC's application for a class e certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to ISSUE a notice of commission action finding Raiser's application incomplete until they provide a statement of their assets and liabilities. The statement must be filed by October 25, 2015, or their application will be deemed denied. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Regulatory Division
Laura Farkas, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(241) In the matter of N2015.4.39: Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers certification.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to APPROVE all 26 ETCs as listed on attachment 1.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Koopman moved to defer the work session to September 22, 2015. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioners Bushman and Lake dissenting.

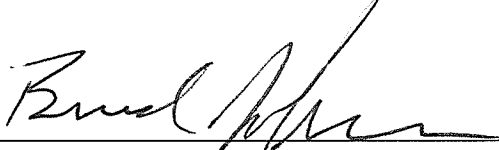
APPEARANCE

Jason Brown, Legal Division

(242) In the matter of D2015.7.58: NorthWestern Energy's allocation of universal system benefits for low income energy and weatherization assistance.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to GRANT the petitioner for late intervention. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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


BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman



TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman


KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner


ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner


BOB LAKE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Aleisha Solem
Commission Secretary

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