

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., the following members were present:

Roger Koopman, Commissioner, Acting Chairman  
Bob Lake, Commissioner  
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner

Chairman Johnson and Vice Chairman Kavulla were excused and left their proxy with Commissioner Koopman.

APPEARANCE

(Video 14:52)

Rhonda Simmons, Commission Secretary

(91) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of June 18, 2018.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of June 18, 2018. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division  
Graham Kilgariff, Regulatory Division  
(Video 15:21)

(92) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.6.40, Big Mountain Water Company's Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT the extension per staff recommendation. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division  
Neil Templeton, Regulatory Division  
(Video 17:02)

(93) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.6.35, NorthWestern Energy's QFLT-1 Tariff.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to APPROVE staff recommendation. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division  
Tina Shorten, Business Operation Supervisor, Consumer Assistance  
(Video 18:20)

(94) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.5.31, Big Sky Gas LLC's Petition Requesting Waiver of Certain Provisions of Order 7523a.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT the extension for the filing of the compliance filing until July 24, 2018. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division  
Zach Rogala, Legal Division  
(Video 27:20)

(95) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.6.43, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Annual Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to APPROVE staff recommendation and issue the interim order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Regulatory Division  
Zach Rogala, Legal Division  
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Legal Division  
(Video 29:29)

(96) In the matter of Docket No. D2017.7.58, NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost, and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance.

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE the interim rates. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Zach Rogala, Legal Division  
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division  
(Video 32:21)

(97) In the matter of Docket No. D2018.1.5, Complaint of AmeriMont, Inc. against NorthWestern Energy.

Commissioner Lake moved to GRANT NorthWestern Energy's motion for reconsideration of Order 7603. Commissioner O'Donnell second the motion. Commissioner Lake withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Lake moved to OPEN reconsideration of Order 7603. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which failed by a vote of 2 to 3, with Commissioners Lake and O'Donnell voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Lake moved to DETERMINE the Commission does not have jurisdiction in this case. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion. The Chairman rules this motion out of order.

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to OPEN reconsideration of the procedural order. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which failed by a vote of 2 to 3, with Commissioners Lake and O'Donnell voting in favor of the motion.

APPEARANCE  
Zach Rogala, Legal Division  
Bob Decker, Regulatory Division  
(Video 2:07:25)

(98) In the matter of Docket No. D2017.12.89, Energy West Montana, Inc.'s Application for Approval of the Reconciliation of West Yellowstone's No Interest Loan Program.

Commissioner Koopman moved to DEFER decision for no more than 30 days. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 1, with Commissioner Lake dissenting, and Vice Chairman Kavulla's abstaining.

APPEARANCE  
Zach Rogala, Legal Division  
(Video 2:57:43)

(99) In the matter of the PSC initiated matter to resolve outstanding Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s gas cost tracker dockets (D2011.9.77, D2012.9.96, D2013.9.64, D2014.9.79, D2015.9.71, D2016.9.69 and D2017.9.70).

Commissioner Lake moved to APPROVE staff recommendation. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Will Rosquist, Administrator, Regulatory Division  
(Video 3:00:46)

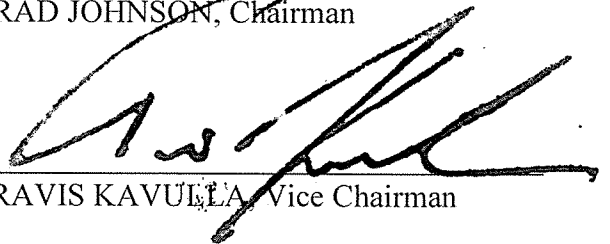
(100) In the matter of the PSC initiated legislative bill proposals to the July meeting of ETIC.

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

