

MINUTES
of the
LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE
July 24, 2013
Montana Consumer Counsel Conference Room
Telephone Conference Call

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Terry Murphy, Chairman
Representative Pat Noonan, Vice Chairman
Senator Mitch Tropila
Representative Mike Cuffe

STAFF PRESENT

Robert A. Nelson, Consumer Counsel
Mary Wright, Attorney
Suzanne Snow, Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

No visitors were present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 A.M. by Chairman Murphy.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bob Nelson summarized the following dockets, requesting authority to hire expert witnesses.

MDU – D2012.9.100 – General Natural Gas Rate Increase, filed 9/26/12.

MOTION: Representative Cuffe moved approval to retain the services of Jack Pous, Diversified Utility Consultants, as expert witness in the MDU case.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

FERC – EL13-73-000 – Hydrodynamics, Montana Marginal Energy, and WINData, filed 06/17/13.

MOTION: Representative Cuffe moved approval to retain the services of John Coyle, Duncan and Allan, Washington D.C., as legal counsel in the FERC docket.

VOTE: The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote – Senator Tropila voting no.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Robert Nelson, Consumer Counsel

Accepted by the Committee this 25th day of September, 2013

_____, Chairman.