

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman Alan B. Minier
Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Commission Staff (CS): Steve Mink, John Burbridge, Sara Miller, Rachel Meeker, Melisa Mizel and Luy Luong.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Undocketed: Open meeting minutes for review by the Commission for the regular open meetings of January 7, 14, February 4, 9, 11 and 23, 2016 as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson, Robin Hoskins and Angie Elliott.**
2. **Docket No. 30003-66-GA-15 (Record No. 14275). Application of Black Hills Energy, a division of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, for authority to place into effect a Pipeline Safety and Integrity Mechanism. Commission to consider and act on Black Hills Energy's *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order Concerning Any Confidential and Proprietary Documents (Petition)*.**
3. **Docket No. 20000-486-EA-15 (Record No. 14304). Application of Rocky Mountain Power requesting approval of 2017 protocol inter-jurisdictional allocation method as a replacement for the 2010 protocol previously approved by the Commission. Commission to consider and act on:**
 - a) ***Petition to Intervene* filed by the Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC); and**
 - b) ***Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Robert M. Pomeroy and Thorvald Nelson* filed by WIEC.**

Chairman Minier introduced the consent items. For Item #1, Deputy Chairman Russell moved to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred. For Item #2, Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, recommended granting the *Petition and Protective Order* by *Letter Order* only, effective immediately. For Item #3a and b, Miller recommended granting both the *Petition* and the *Motion* by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on April 5, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Open Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman Alan B. Minier
Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Mr. Thomas Farrell, Chairman, President and CEO, Dominion Resources, Inc. (by telephone)

Mr. Daniel Weekley, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Dominion Resources, Inc. (by telephone)

Mr. Barrie McKay, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs/Energy Efficiency, Questar Gas Company (by telephone)

Ms. Colleen Larkin Bell, Vice President and General Counsel, Questar Gas Company (by telephone)

Mr. Ronald Jibson, Chairman, President and CEO, Questar Gas Company (by telephone)

Mr. Rey Butcher, Vice President, Government Affairs, Questar Gas Company (by telephone)

Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA): Christopher Leger and Anthony Ornelas

Commission Staff (CS): Shirley McCown, Luy Luong, Tom Wilson, Sara Miller, John Burbridge and Chris Petrie

1. **Undocketed: Representatives of Dominion Resources, Inc. accompanied by Questar Corporation representatives to be introduced to the Commission.** Chairman Minier introduced the agenda item. Ronald Jibson, Questar's President and CEO, introduced the parties on the telephone. He said that everyone at Questar was impressed with Dominion's integrity, culture and values. He then introduced Thomas Ferrell, Dominion's President and CEO. Ferrell gave an overview and history of Dominion. Chairman Minier thanked them for their time and for the information that was provided. There was no action required by the Commission.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on April 5, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman Alan B. Minier
Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Commission Staff (CS): Sara Miller, Lori Brand, John Burbridge,
Michelle Bohanan, Tom Wilson, Kara Seveland, Rachel Meeker, and
Shirley McCown

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 30003-66-GA-15 (Record No. 14275). Application of Black Hills Energy, a division of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, for authority to place into effect a Pipeline Safety and Integrity Mechanism. Commission to consider and act on the Motion of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC) to Withdraw its Petition for Leave to Intervene and Request for a Hearing (Motion).**
2. **Docket No. 70225-4-TA-16 (Record No. 14334). Notification to transfer control of Mobilitie, LLC to WY Network Technology, LLC. Commission to consider acceptance for filing of the notice to transfer control.**

Chairman Minier introduced the consent items. For Item #1, Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, recommended granting the *Motion* by *Order* only, effective immediately. For Item #2, Miller recommended accepting the *Notification* for filing by *Letter Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 70000-1624-TT-16 (Record No. 14310). Tariff filing of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC) to revise the language for the Convenience Fee Charge assessed by CenturyLink QC when customers complete one-time payments with the assistance of a live customer representative. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Tom Wilson, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 2, 2016. Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, stated that due to last minute corrections needed by the Company, she recommended tabling this item to a future open meeting. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on April 5, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Michael Fredrich, Director of Engineering Services, Black Hills Power, Inc.
(BHP)

Peter Larson, Resident and Landowner (by telephone)

Bill Meckling, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, Black Hills Energy (BHE)

Lisa Seaman, Manager – Resource Planning, BHE (by telephone)

Ron Foote, Owner/Operator, Red Lane Domestic Water, Inc. (by telephone)

Commission Staff (CS): John Burbridge, Melisa Mizel, Marci Norby,
Steve Mink, Sara Miller, Dave Walker, Michelle Bohanan, Kara
Seveland, Morgan Kikendall, Luy Luong, Perry McCollom and Chris
Petrie

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Undocketed: Open meeting minutes for review by the Commission for the regular open meetings of February 25, March 1, 2 and 8, 2016 as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson and Robin Hoskins.**
2. **Docket No. 70088-7-TA-16 (Record No. 14336). Notification of the name change of Intrado Communications Inc. to West Safety Communications Inc. Commission to consider acceptance for filing of the notification.**
3. **Docket No. 74521-8-TA-16 (Record No. 14337). Notification of the name change of Intrado Communications Inc. to West Safety Communications Inc. Commission to consider acceptance for filing of the notification.**
4. **Docket No. 10014-168-CR-16 (Record No. 14314). Application of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) for authority to implement a general rate increase of \$11,506,749 per annum and revise tariffs. Commission to consider and act on:**
 - a. ***Carbon Creek Energy LLC's Petition for Leave to Intervene and Request for Hearing;***
 - b. ***PRECorp's Petition for Protective Order;***
 - c. ***PRECorp's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of James K. Tarpey; and***
 - d. ***Issuance of a Special Order Authorizing One Commissioner and/or Presiding Officer to Conduct Public Hearing.***

5. **Docket No. 30022-260-GA-15 (Record No. 14302). Application of SourceGas Distribution LLC for creation of a regulatory asset comprised of the net buyout costs associated with terminating the P-0802 contract and related gas gathering agreement, effective no later than April 15, 2016. Commission to consider and act on SourceGas' *Petition for a Determination Regarding Confidential Treatment (Petition)*.**
6. **Docket No. 30010-150-GA-16 & Docket No. 30025-1-GA-16 (Record 14335). Joint Application of Questar Gas Company and Dominion Resources, Inc. (Joint Applicants) for approval of a proposed merger of Questar Corporation and Dominion Resources, Inc. Commission to consider and act on:**
 - a. **Joint Applicants' *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)***
 - b. **Issuance of a *Special Order Authorizing One Commissioner and/or Presiding Officer to Conduct Public Hearing*.**

Deputy Chairman Russell noted the excused absence of Chairman Minier, declared a quorum of the Commission present and introduced the consent items. For Item #1, Commissioner Brighton moved to approve the minutes as written. Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion. For Items #2 and #3, John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended acceptance for filing of the *Notifications*. For Item #4a, b and c, Burbridge recommended granting the *Petitions and Motion*, and for Item #4d, issuance of a *Special Order*, effective immediately. For Item #5, he recommended granting the *Petition by Order* only, effective immediately. For Item #6a, Burbridge recommended granting the *Petition by Order* only, effective immediately. Finally, for Item #6b, he recommended issuance of a *Special Order*, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 20002-95-EA-14 (Record No. 13933). Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a 230 kV transmission line and associated substation modifications (Project). Commission to consider and act on BHP's request for permission to construct 67 miles of the project located between the Teckla and Osage substations.** Michael Fredrich, BHP's Director of Engineering Services, explained the Company's request to commence construction of the remaining sections of the Tekla substation to Osage substation transmission line. He further explained all outstanding permits and easements associated with BHP's request had been obtained. Deputy Chairman Russell asked if there were any comments from the public. Peter Larson of Newcastle, who was on the telephone, gave commentary against the construction of the transmission line. Fredrich provided a status update on Segment 1 and stated construction was on schedule. He also confirmed to John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, the Company is still working on permits and acquiring easements for construction between Osage and the state line (South Dakota-Wyoming border). There were no further questions or comments. Burbridge recommended approval of the application by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

2. **Docket No. 20003-147-EA-16 (Record No. 14321). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power d/b/a/ Black Hills Energy for authority to decrease its electric Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider effective April 1, 2016. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Bill Meckling, BHE's Manager of Regulatory Affairs, provided details about the application and explained that an update to Exhibit 3 was submitted because additional costs were found in the work order and the Company wanted to provide more accurate numbers. Commissioner Brighton expressed concern about administrative costs exceeding the cost of the program. Meckling said consideration was being given to all of the issues, and by next year, if participation has not increased, the Company will consider decommissioning the program. He stated the Company would file supplemental information and a new tariff sheet to complete the record. This was in response to Deputy Chairman Russell's concern about the changes and ensuring that the Commission's records were accurate. There were no further questions or comments. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended tabling the matter until the supplemental information and corrected tariff sheets are received. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

3. **Docket No: 80002-16-WP-16 (Record No: 14342). Application of Red Lane Domestic Water, Inc. for authority to pass on a wholesale water rate increase of \$0.98 per 1,000 gallons and a \$22.00 per month charge per meter imposed by the Town of Thermopolis. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Ron Foote, Red Lane's Operator/Owner, explained his position with respect to the Town of Thermopolis imposing the new per meter charge. Chris Petrie, Secretary and Chief Counsel, said he did not know whether the Town understood the meter charge's implications and said Commission Staff would follow up with the City Attorney and Mayor. Deputy Chairman Russell asked if Foote understood the rates that were calculated by staff. Foote responded he was trying to understand them. Petrie said additional rate increases may be justified due to the length of time that has passed from the last general rate case. There were no further questions or comments. Petrie recommended approval of the application on an interim basis by *Notice and Order*, with *Notice* to be provided by regular U.S. mail at Red Lane's expense, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Friday, March 25, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on April 21, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Friday, March 25, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, Rocky Mountain Power Company (RMP)

Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, RMP (by telephone)

Robert Meredith, Pricing and Cost of Service Manager, RMP (by telephone)

Mike Zimmerman, Pricing and Cost of Service Specialist, RMP (by telephone)

Tracy Coleman, Business Manager/Street Lighting Policy, RMP (by telephone)

Travis Jacobson, Regulatory Analysis Manager, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) (by telephone)

Rhonda Erickson, Regulatory Analyst, MDU (by telephone)

Jason Hendricks, Chief Regulatory Officer, Range Telephone Cooperative (by telephone)

Bill Meckling, Manager – Regulatory Affairs, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE) (by telephone)

Lisa Seaman, Manager of Resource Planning, BHE (by telephone)

Liz Zerga, Jubin and Zerga, LLC

Commission Staff (CS): John Burbridge, Melisa Mizel, Kara Seveland, Luy Luong, Michelle Bohanan, Lori Brand, Jess Bottom, Tom Wilson, Perry McCollom, Morgan Kikendall, Rachel Meeker, and Steve Mink

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 70047-4-TA-16 (Record No. 14343). Notification of BT Communications Sales, LLC for authority to cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to do business in Wyoming. Commission to consider acceptance for filing of the notification.**
2. **Docket No. 74414-8-TT-16 (Record No. 14344). Notification of BT Communications Sales, LLC for authority to cancel Interexchange Registration and Tariffs to do business in Wyoming. Commission to consider acceptance for filing of the notification.**
3. **Docket No. 30010-150-GA-16 & Docket No. 30025-1-GA-16 (Record 14335). Joint Application of Questar Gas Company (Questar) and Dominion Resources, Inc. (Dominion) for approval of a proposed merger of Questar Corporation and Dominion Resources, Inc. Commission to consider and act on:**
 - a. **Dominion’s Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Bernard L. McNamee, II;**

- b. **Dominion's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Joseph K. Reid, III;**
- c. **Questar's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Gregory B. Monson; and**
- d. **Questar's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Cameron L. Sabin**

Deputy Chairman Russell noted the excused absence of Chairman Minier, declared a quorum of the Commission present and introduced the consent items. For Items #1 and #2, John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended acceptance for filing and for Items #3a-d, granting the *Motions*, all by *Order* only effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 20000-489-EA-16 (Record No. 14315). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for approval of its report of disposition of utility plant or facilities under Section 208 of the Commission's Rules. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Jess Bottom, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 18, 2016. Stacy Splittstoesser, RMP's Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, summarized the application and requested approval. There were no questions or comments. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.
2. **Docket No. 20000-491-ET-16 (Record No. 14319). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for authority to modify Street Lighting Tariff Schedule Numbers 15, 51, 53, 58, 207, 211 and 212. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Tom Wilson, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 18, 2016. Stacy Splittstoesser, RMP's Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, provided a summary of the modifications requested in the application and noted the changes were for clarification and consistency. There were no questions or comments. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after April 1, 2016, by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.
3. **Docket No. 30013-311-GP-16 (Record No. 14341). Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.394 per dth for residential, firm general service, and small and large interruptible customers, and a decrease of \$1.599 per dth for optional seasonal customers. Commission to consider and act on application, *Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)* and *Petition for Expedited Treatment of Application (Petition)*.** Rachel Meeker, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 21, 2016. Travis Jacobson, MDU's Regulatory Analysis Manager, explained MDU's application to pass on purchased gas costs resulting in a decrease due to a reduction in the overall commodity price and semi-annual pipeline rate changes. There were no questions or comments. Meeker made a correction to the Commission Staff memo on Table 1. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after April 1, 2016, and

granting the *Petitions* by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

4. **Docket No. 70001-90-TT-16 (Record No. 14331). Tariff filing of Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Range), for phase one of a three phase transition to set local residential rates in compliance with the FCC's prescribed local rate floor effective July 1, 2018. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Tom Wilson, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 21, 2016. Jason Hendricks, Range's Chief Regulatory Officer, explained Range's filing would begin to phase in increases to comply with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rates and provided details. He said the phase in would occur over a period of three years to minimize rate shock to Range's members. He said extended area service (EAS) was included in this filing as it was previously omitted due to an oversight. Hendricks clarified further details regarding phasing in the increases and confirmed only the first phase was being approved currently. There were no questions or comments. Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

5. **Docket No. 20003-147-EA-16 (Record No. 14321). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power d/b/a/ Black Hills Energy (BHE) for authority to decrease its electric Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider (VRER) effective April 1, 2016. Commission to consider and act on amended application.** Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 22, 2016. Bill Meckling, BHE's Manager of Regulatory Affairs, explained BHE's application was a request to decrease the variable renewable energy rate. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, confirmed with Meckling that the *Notice and Order* for this decrease would be posted at BHE's place of business as well as sent to VRER participants by U.S. Mail. There were no further questions or comments. Burbridge recommended approval of the application for use on and after April 1, 2016, by *Notice and Order*, with *Notices* sent to VRER participants by regular U.S. Mail and posted in the Company's place of business, effective immediately. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

6. **Docket No. 90000-125-XO-15 (Record No. 14272). Proposed Adoption of Chapters 1 through 5 of the Wyoming Public Service Commission's Rules and Regulations. Commission to consider:**
 - a. **Issuance of an Order, written statement or other guidance concerning the scope and application of Chapter 4, Section 16(b); and**

 - b. **Issuance of an Order forbearing enforcement of Chapter 3, Sections 1(c)(v), 2, and 25**

Chris Petrie, Commission's Secretary and Chief Counsel, explained this item is before the Commission on its own *Motion* in response to concerns raised after the Commission adopted new rules and for the purpose of an orderly implementation of the rules. Regarding Chapter 4 Section 16(b), Liz Zerga, Jubin and Zerga, LLC, commented about limiting the scope of the application of this rule and provided an explanation for her position. There were no further questions or comments. With respect to Item #6a, Petrie

recommended issuance of a *Letter of Guidance* to be included in the record of this rules docket. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended and Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion. With respect to Item #6b, Petrie recommended issuance of an *Order* forbearing enforcement of Chapter 3, Sections 1(c)(v) and 2 until June 1, 2017, and that *Notice* be provided to all gas utilities 30 days prior to end of forbearance period. Secondly, he recommended extending the time for filing conforming tariffs by all affected public utilities pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 25 to not later than September 30, 2016. Commissioner Brighton moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chairman Russell seconded the motion.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, March 31, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on April 21, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Thursday, March 31, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman Alan B. Minier
Deputy Chairman William F. Russell
Commissioner Kara Brighton

Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, Rocky Mountain Power Company (RMP)
Becky Eberle, Low Income Program Manager, RMP (by telephone)
Ely Morris, DSM Program Manager, RMP (by telephone)
Bill Comeau, DSM Director, RMP (by telephone)
Mike Snow, DSM Regulatory Project Manager, RMP (by telephone)
Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, RMP (by telephone)
Bruce Asay, Associated Legal Group, LLC, Local Counsel for the Town of Walden
Suze Kanack, Clerk for the Town of Walden (by telephone)
Garret Frescoln, Vice President, Frannie-Deaver Utilities (by telephone)

Commission Staff (CS): Lori Brand, Tom Wilson, Sara Miller, Michelle Bohanan and Jess Bottom

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Docket No. 20000-488-ET-16 (Record No. 14308). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for authority to add efficiency measures to Electric Service Schedule No. 118 – Low Income Weatherization. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Tom Wilson, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 25, 2016. Stacy Splittstoesser, RMP's Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, explained the revisions to Schedule 118 and stated they should not change the cost effectiveness of the program. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, corrected a typographical error in the caption on the *Memo* and the first paragraph. There were no questions or comments. Brand recommended approval of the application by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.
- 2. Docket No. 20000-490-ET-16 (Record No. 14316). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for authority to cancel Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Tom Wilson, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 17, 2016. Stacy Splittstoesser, RMP's Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, explained the program was already temporarily suspended in 2015 because the vendor went out of business. She said an analysis was conducted by RMP to determine if the program would be cost effective using a new vendor and the Company decided it would not be prudent to continue the program. Therefore, the Company is requesting authority to permanently cancel the program. There were no questions or comments. Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act

as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

3. **Docket No. 30019-32-GP-16 (Record No. 14332). Application of the Town of Walden for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.461 per dekatherm through its commodity balancing account. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 15, 2016. Bruce Asay, Town of Walden's Local Counsel, explained the application and stated the reason for the decrease was to adjust the projected base cost of gas and commodity balancing accounts/pipeline service cost. Chairman Minier asked about the increase in the pipeline service cost. Asay responded he thought it was because of how the adjustment was calculated. Bohanan added the fee is fixed so it does not change, but shows as an increase when spread out over fewer dekatherms. There were no further questions or comments. Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after April 1, 2016, by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

4. **Docket No. 30007-120-GP-16 (Record No. 14325). Application of Frannie Deaver Utilities to adjust its commodity balancing account tariff to pass on a decrease in delivered cost in the amount of \$0.4845 per MCF. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Jess Bottom, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated March 25, 2016. Garret Frescoln, Frannie-Deaver's Vice President, explained the submittal was the Company's regular quarterly pass-on resulting in a decrease due to projected gas costs. He said it also included a decrease in the commodity balancing account. Bottom commented about monitoring the operating ratio as it was higher than the last rate application. There were no further questions or comments. Sara Miller, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after April 1, 2016, by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chairman Russell moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Brighton seconded the motion and Chairman Minier concurred.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on May 26, 2016.

Chairman Alan B. Minier