

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

September 2, 2014 – 1:30 P.M.

In attendance were Commissioners Paul Kjellander and Mack Redford. Commissioner Marsha Smith was absent and excused. Commissioner Kjellander called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** on Monday, August 25, 2014. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

The next order of business was approval of the **CONSENT AGENDA**:

- 2. Don Howell's August 29, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: Oregon-Idaho Utilities' Application to Increase Its Monthly Residential Rate for Telephone Service, Case No. ORE-T-14-01.**
- 3. Grace Seaman's August 28, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink's Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for 2012 and 2013, Case No. CEN-T-14-04.**
- 4. Grace Seaman's August 28, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink's Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for 2012 and 2013, Case No. CGS-T-14-04.**
- 5. Grace Seaman's August 28, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's 2013 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application, Case No. QWE-T-14-02.**
- 6. Kristine Sasser's August 29, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: Idaho Power's Application Confirming the Capacity Deficiency Period for Incremental Cost, Integrated Resource Plan, Avoided Cost Methodology, Case No. IPC-E-14-22.**
- 7. Mike Morrison's August 27, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: Compliance Filing of Spirit Lake East Water Company Regarding Evaluation of the Addition of Fire Hydrants, Case No. SPL-W-13-01.**
- 8. Nikki Karpavich's August 29, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: Avista Tariff Advice No. 14-05-E; Revisions to Schedule 90B, Electric Energy Efficiency Programs.**

There was no discussion and Commissioner Kjellander made a motion to approve Staff's recommendations for items 2 through 8 on the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The final order of business was **MATTERS IN PROGRESS:**

9. Grace Seaman's August 29, 2014 Decision Memorandum re: 2014 Idaho Universal Service Fund Annual Report and Recommendations, Case No. GNR-T-14-06.

Ms. Seaman welcomed Alyson Anderson, Administrator of the Idaho USF, to the meeting. She then noted several corrections to her memo: On page 2, at the bottom of the graph in the right column, the heading should be "125% Statewide Weighted Average Rate – 2014" and on page 4, Option 1, the second line should read "the funding will increase...." Ms. Seaman then reviewed her memo. Commissioner Kjellander asked why the fund is increasing when we are seeing a decline in residential lines. Ms. Seaman responded that there was an increase in business lines of 2% and the surcharge increase went into effect on 10/1/13. She said the fund will have a full year of the increase when the fiscal year ends on 6/30/15.

There was no further discussion and Commissioner Redford made a motion to approve the Administrator's USF 2014-2015 budget and adopt the Administrator's and Staff's recommended funding Option 1. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

There was no further business before the Commission and Commissioner Kjellander adjourned the meeting.

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL