



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Committee of Consumer Services

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Consumer Services held in Room 210, 2nd floor,
Heber M Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, on 10 October 2007

The meeting presentation is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Members of the Committee in Attendance:

Dee Jay Hammon
Andrew Riggle

Kelly Casaday
Franz Amussen

Betsy Wolf

Staff in Attendance:

Michele Beck
Kevin Hale
Eric Orton

Paul Proctor
Cheryl Murray

Ronnie Drake
Dan Gimble

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Roger Ball
Tim Bereece
Christopher Tomas

Jasen Lee
Kelly Knutsen
Lory Horne

Dave Taylor
Barrie McKay

1 Welcome and Business

Dee Jay called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

We need to schedule a brief meeting in November. The tentatively scheduled meeting for 14 November is canceled.

2 Minutes

Kelly Casaday made a motion to approve 12 September 2007 minutes. Franz Amussen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3 Public Comment

Roger Ball asked to reserve the right to speak on items as they came up on the agenda

4 Case Update

Michele reviewed the following cases:

1. Questar's Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) case
2. Deferred Accounting

3. Depreciation
4. DOE Grant

5 Resource Evaluation

Michele outlined the specific policy proposals, and requested input from the Committee regarding these three topics.

1. Renewable Energy Initiative (REI)
The Committee supports the staff proposed comments.
2. Legislation Promoting Nuclear Energy
The Committee supports the staff proposed position.
3. Potential Carbon Reduction Legislation
The Committee supports the staff proposed position.

6 Low Income Legislation

Cheryl provided an overview of the draft legislation being circulated and requested input regarding the Committees position. Also outlined some options the Committee could take.

Franz Amussen made a motion for Committee to oppose the draft legislation on low income. There was no second to the motion, therefore no votes were taken.

Kelly Casaday made a motion to support the draft legislation with changes to the total program funding and to add “public interest standard for Commission to implement changes. Dee Jay amended the motion to change the cap on total program funding to .3% of Rocky Mountain Power’s state revenues (instead of .5%). Kelly Casaday seconded the amendment to his motion and it failed with a vote 2-3. Kelly and Dee Jay voted for the motion. Betsy, Andrew, and Franz voted against the motion.

Andrew Riggle made a motion to support the draft legislation and to add “public interest” standard for Commission to implement changes. Betsy Wolf seconded the motion and it failed with a vote 2-3. Betsy and Andrew voted for the motion. Franz, Dee Jay, and Kelly voted against the motion.

7 Website

Michele gave an overview of the redesign of the Committee’s website. She included a timeline for review of the website from the Committee members.

8 Questar’s Pass-through Filing and Overview of Gas Supply

Eric outlined Questar’s recent pass-through filing and the resulting expected rates for consumers, as well as provided a briefing on the sources of the natural gas supply that serve our region.

9 Consultant Budget

Michele provided an overview of last year’s P&T funds and the projected P&T expenses for next year.

Franz Amussen made a motion to extend Hayet Power Systems Consulting contract to October 1, 2009. Kelly Casaday seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10 Other Business

Dee Jay adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m.