BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW 1 OF THE STATE OF MONTANA 2 3 4 BOARD MEETING 5) JUNE 3, 2016 6) 7 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 8 9 10 Heard at Room 111 of the Metcalf Building 1520 East Sixth Avenue 11 12 Helena, Montana 13 June 3, 2016 9:00 a.m. 14 15 16 BEFORE CHAIRMAN ROBIN SHROPSHIRE, 17 BOARD MEMBERS MARIETTA CANTY, 18 DR. ROBERT BYRON, MICHELE REINHART-LEVINE; 19 And CHRIS TWEETEN (By telephone) 20 21 22 23 PREPARED BY: LAURIE CRUTCHER, RPR 24 COURT REPORTER, NOTARY PUBLIC 25

2 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were 1 2 had and testimony taken, to-wit: * * * * 3 4 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Good morning. Ιt 5 is 9:05, and I'll call this meeting of the Board of Environmental Review to order. So George, do 6 7 you want to take roll. MR. MATHIEUS: Good morning, Madam 8 9 Chair. Sure, I'd be happy to. Roll call. Joan 10 Miles. 11 (No response) 12 MR. MATHIEUS: She's absent. Dr. Byron. 13 DR. BYRON: Here. 14 MR. MATHIEUS: Marietta Canty. 15 MS. CANTY: Here. 16 MR. MATHIEUS: Roy O'Connor. 17 (No response) 18 MR. MATHIEUS: Absent. Michele Reinhart-Levine. 19 20 MS. REINHART-LEVINE: Here. 21 MR. MATHIEUS: Robin Shropshire. 22 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Present. 23 MR. MATHIEUS: Chris Tweeten. 24 MR. TWEETEN: Present by phone. 25 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Thanks. The first

3 thing on the agenda is the review and approval of 1 2 minutes. Does anybody have comments on the minutes? 3 4 (No response) 5 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Is there a motion to approve? 6 7 DR. BYRON: Madam Chair, so moved. CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: It has been moved 8 by Dr. Byron. Do I have a second? 9 10 MS. CANTY: I'll second. 11 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Any other 12 comments? 13 (No response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Hearing none, all 14 15 those in favor, signify by saying aye. 16 (Response) 17 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Opposed. 18 (No response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Motion carries 19 20 unanimously. The next thing are briefing items, 21 and then Ben, do you want to give us a contested 22 case update, please. 23 MR. REED: Yes, Madam Chair. There are 24 quite a few contested cases currently in front of 25 me, but this has more to do with procedural

hang-ups than it does to any sort of log jam of 1 2 cases. Highlander Bar and Grill, it says an 3 order vacating scheduling orders. That's not 4 5 quite right. This case had gone off of the parties' radar, and has just been rescheduled. 6 7 Counsel for the Department had passed away, and so we just had to get that back on track. 8 That's been done. 9 10 For (b) and (c), I've requested the 11 parties propose a revised hearing schedule, 12 revised hearing schedules. The parties had sort 13 of fallen behind a bit on their hearing schedules. In (d), for Buscher Construction, that 14 15 matter is still on course with its original 16 hearing schedule. 17 And those are the contested cases that 18 are currently before me. 19 As far as non-enforcement cases, the 20 stipulation to stay appeal is still ongoing. The 21 appeal is currently stayed while the parties are 22 working together.

For Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, there has been a couple of orders issued, one on Columbia Falls' motion to compel production of documents, and one on a motion that DEQ had
 requesting summary judgment. We're going to have
 another telephonic scheduling conference on June
 22nd.

5 In Heart K Land and Cattle, the matter has gotten -- I won't say complicated -- but there 6 7 are now about twice as many attorneys involved in the matter as were originally, and so it has 8 gotten more -- what is probably a nice way to say 9 complicated -- more festive, I'll say. 10 I'm expecting a new scheduling order from the parties, 11 12 or the parties will conform with the new 13 scheduling order that was just issued.

There is a second prehearing order that has been issued in the matter of Westmoreland Resources that gives the parties a little more room to negotiate a settlement, and if not, to propose a scheduling order by the middle of November.

20 In the MPDES, in the matter of the 21 Laurel Refineries MPDES permit, that matter has 22 been extended.

In Payne Logging, there are a couple of cross motions to dismiss and for summary judgment. We're awaiting a reply brief from Payne, and then

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1	the matter may well be decided on motions.
2	And finally, in this most recent Western
3	Energy Company Rosebud Strip Mine, that matter is
4	still in the throes of being scheduled.
5	The contested case not assigned to a
6	Hearing Examiner is this WECO case that if the
7	Board will remember, had been under review by the
8	Fourth Judicial District, by Judge Seeley over in
9	Missoula.
10	She's just issued a memorandum and order
11	on the remaining issues that were before her. The
12	parties had settled many of the issues, but there
13	were some issues that were pending summary
14	judgment. She's issued an order that frankly I
15	haven't she's essentially brought the decision
16	back to the Department of Environmental Quality.
17	However, judgment has been not been formally
18	entered, so at this point the Board doesn't need
19	take any action one way or another on the matter.
20	And that concludes my briefing. If the
21	Board has any questions, I'd be pleased to answer
22	them.
23	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Thanks, Ben. Any
24	questions from the Board?
25	(No response)

7 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: The next item on 1 2 the agenda are new contested cases. The first one is in the matter of LT Trucking, LLC, appeal 3 Riverside Contracting, Inc. reclamation bond 4 5 release permit No. 2083. First any questions from the Board related to that? 6 7 (No response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Are you able to 8 take on these new contested cases? 9 10 MR. REED: Yes, Madam Chair, I am. 11 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: So at this time we 12 can appoint Ben as a permanent Hearing Examiner. 13 Is there a motion? MS. REINHART-LEVINE: So moved, Madam 14 15 Chair. CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: It has been moved 16 17 by Michele. Do I have a second? 18 DR. BYRON: Second. 19 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Seconded by Dr. 20 Byron. Any questions? 21 (No response) 22 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Hearing none, all 23 those in favor, signify by saying aye. 24 (Response) 25 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Motion carries

8 1 unanimously. In the second one, in the matter of 2 appeal of the denial of nondegradation review EQ No. 16-1698 Sanders County, Montana. 3 Any 4 questions on that new contested case? 5 (No response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Do I have a motion 6 7 to assign Ben as the permanent Hearing Examiner? MS. REINHART-LEVINE: So moved, Madam 8 Chair. 9 10 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Moved by Michele. MS. CANTY: I'll second. 11 12 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Seconded by 13 Marietta. Any questions? 14 (No response) 15 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: All those in 16 favor, signify by saying aye. 17 (Response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Motion carries 18 19 unanimously. 20 MR. REED: Thank you very much, Madam 21 Chair. 22 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: The next thing on 23 the agenda is initiation of rulemaking to amend 24 ARM 17.8.102, to incorporate by reference updated 25 federal and state statutes and regulations, and

ARM 17.8.103 to update references stating where
 these documents may be obtained electronically.
 Is there a presentation?

4 MR. MATHIEUS: Madam Chair, there is.
5 Today we have Rebecca Harbage representing DEQ.

MS. HARBAGE: Madam Chair, members of 6 7 the Board, for the record, my name is Rebecca I'm here representing the Department's 8 Harbage. 9 Air Quality Bureau this morning. I'm here to ask that the Board initiate rulemaking to adopt the 10 11 current editions of federal and state air quality statutes, rules, and regulations that are 12 13 incorporated by reference into the Administrative Rules of Montana. 14

15 This is an annual rulemaking that we do 16 to ensure Montana's air quality rules are at least 17 as stringent as current federal regulations, to 18 maintain federal delegation of Montana's air 19 quality program, and the adequacy of Montana's 20 State Implementation Plan, and also to ensure the 21 timely implementation of federal emission 22 standards.

Today the Department is requesting that the Board incorporate revisions that were published in the July 1st, 2015 edition of the

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10 Code of Federal Regulations, the 2014 edition of 1 the United States Code and the Administrative 2 Rules of Montana as they existed on September 3 30th, 2015. 4 5 We have reviewed the updated regulations to be incorporated, and there is also a summary 6 7 table of the major changes included in your packet 8 today. The proposed rulemaking and the summary 9 10 table were discussed with our stakeholders of the 11 Clean Air Act Advisory Committee at their meeting 12 last week, and the summary table of changes will 13 also be made available for public review should 14 you initiate rulemaking this morning. 15 With that, Madam Chair, the Department 16 recommends that the Board initiate rulemaking, and 17 issue a notice of proposed amendment with no 18 public hearing contemplated. A hearing would be 19 scheduled upon request as described in the draft 20 notice. I'm available if you have any questions. 21 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Any Thank you. 22 questions from the Board? 23 (No response) 24 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Any public 25 comment?

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1	(No response)
2	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: I will accept a
3	motion to initiate rulemaking in accordance with
4	the notice of proposed amendment that is attached
5	to this executive summary.
6	MS. CANTY: So moved.
7	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: It's been moved by
8	Marietta.
9	MS. REINHART-LEVINE: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Seconded by
11	Michele. Any further discussion?
12	(No response)
13	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: All those in
14	favor, signify by saying aye.
15	(Response)
16	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Opposed.
17	(No response)
18	CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Motion carries
19	unanimously.
20	The next thing we have on the agenda
21	this is a final adoption, correct to amend ARM
22	17.8.610, 612, 613, 614, 615, 749, and 1210
23	pertaining to open burning permits, issuance or
24	denial of permit, and general requirements for an
25	air quality operating permit in response to

1 changes to the Clean Air Act of Montana.

2 MR. MATHIEUS: Madam Chair, Rebecca is 3 going to do this one as well.

MS. HARBAGE: Once again, for the 4 5 record, my name is Rebecca Harbage, and I'm representing the Air Quality Bureau here at DEQ. 6 7 This morning we're asking that the Board take final action to amend several of the air quality 8 rules that make them consistent with changes that 9 have been made to the Clean Air Act of Montana. 10 And just as a quick refresher, Section 75-2-211, 11 12 75-2-213, and 75-2-218, Montana Code Annotated, 13 contain procedures for appeals of permits for construction, installation, alteration, use, and 14 15 operation of facilities under the Clean Air Act of Montana. 16

17 Specifically those statutes provide, 18 one, that a person who is directly and adversely 19 affected by the issuance or denial of a permit may 20 request a hearing; that a request for hearing does 21 not stay the Department's decision on an 22 application unless the Board orders a stay; three, 23 that depending on the applicable statute, an 24 appellant must file an affidavit supporting their 25 request for hearing, either with the request or

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13 1 within thirty days after the issuance or denial of 2 the permit; and finally that a separate process is 3 available for challenges to energy development 4 projects in 75-2-213, MCA.

5 The proposed rulemaking would amend the Administrative Rules of Montana as listed by Madam 6 7 Chair to incorporate these provisions, and remove provisions that implement the previous version of 8 The Board initiated rulemaking on 9 those statutes. this package on February 5th, and the public 10 comment period for the proposed amendment closed 11 on May 6th. No comments were received during that 12 13 time, and a hearing was not requested.

14 The Department now requests that the 15 Board adopt the amendments as proposed and issue the notice of amendment included as a draft in 16 17 your packet for this agenda item. Also included 18 for the record in your packet are the 521 and 311 19 stringency and takings analysis for this 20 rulemaking. If you have any questions for me. 21 (No response) 22 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Questions from the 23 Board? 24 (No response) 25 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Remind me, John.

14 Any public comment here? Is there any public 1 2 comment? 3 (No response) CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: I will accept a 4 5 motion to accept the House Bill 311 and 521 analyses, and to adopt the rule amendments as 6 7 proposed and as indicated in the notice of amendment that is attached to the executive 8 summary. Do I have a motion? 9 10 DR. BYRON: So moved. 11 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Moved by Dr. 12 Byron. 13 MS. CANTY: I'll second. CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Seconded by 14 15 Marietta. Any further discussion? 16 (No response) 17 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: All those in 18 favor, signify by saying aye. 19 (Response) 20 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Opposed. 21 (No response) 22 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Motion carries 23 unanimously. 24 I think that brings us to the end of 25 agenda items for the meeting. After I ask if

15 there is any general public comment, I'm going to 1 2 go ahead and close this meeting, and then we'll open up the hearing. So at this point, is there 3 anybody in the public or on the phone that would 4 5 like to make any public comment? (No response) 6 7 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: I will adjourn this meeting, and we'll move to the hearing. 8 9 I've got some stuff I'm going to read here, so just bear with me. So John, can I just 10 simply open up the hearing, simple as that? 11 12 MR. NORTH: Yes. 13 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: I'll open up the 14 hearing. I'm going to read a few things here. 15 This is the time and the place set for 16 the triennial review hearing for Montana's water 17 quality standards. This hearing is held pursuant 18 to Section 75.5.301(3) Montana Code Annotated, which provides that the Board shall from time to 19 20 time review and revise established classifications 21 of waters and water quality standards. 22 In order to assist the Board in this 23 review, we're holding this hearing to solicit 24 public comment on water quality classifications 25 and standards that should be reviewed or revised.

16 1 We request to the extent possible commenters 2 identify the classification or water quality 3 standard at issue, any suggested revision to the classification or standard, and the basis for the 4 5 suggested revision including technical information. 6 7 So at this time I'll accept testimony or written comments that any person wishes to 8 9 provide, but I'm just curious how many people are planning to testify or present comment. 10 11 (No response) 12 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Just in case I 13 missed somebody. Anybody? 14 (No response) 15 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: Any questions from the Board? 16 17 (No response) 18 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: So do we just 19 close the hearing? 20 MR. NORTH: Yes. 21 CHAIRMAN SHROPSHIRE: All right. Well, 22 I guess before I close, I just want to thank you 23 guys for traveling here. I will close the 24 hearing. Hearing closed. 25 (The proceedings were concluded at 9:24 a.m.)

17 CERTIFICATE 1 2 STATE OF MONTANA) : SS. 3 COUNTY OF LEWIS & CLARK 4) I, LAURIE CRUTCHER, RPR, Court Reporter, 5 Notary Public in and for the County of Lewis & 6 7 Clark, State of Montana, do hereby certify: That the proceedings were taken before me at 8 the time and place herein named; that the 9 10 proceedings were reported by me in shorthand and transcribed using computer-aided transcription, 11 12 and that the foregoing - 16 - pages contain a true 13 record of the proceedings to the best of my 14 ability. 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal 16 17 this _____ day of _____, 2016. 18 19 LAURIE CRUTCHER, RPR 20 Court Reporter - Notary Public 21 My commission expires 22 March 9, 2020. 23 24 25

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