March 13, 2013

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 13, 2013, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kalk, Christmann, and Fedorchak.

Mr. Kalk: I move the minutes of February 27, 2013 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission approve blaster certification and re-certification for the following applicants:

| Applicant A | ffiliation | Certificate No. |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Wayne Cline | Beulah | 01-03-250-R(4) |
| Jonathan Reinhardt | Beulah | 10-02-327-R(1) |
| David Czywczynski | Beulah | 07-03-293-R(2) |
| DeLane L. Bauer | Beulah | 01-03-249-R(4) |
| Larry L. Schnaidt | Beulah | 85-12-066-R(8) |
| Robert A. Ell Jr. | Beulah | 07-03-292-R(2) |
| Timothy Faut | Beulah | 07-03-296-R(2) |
| William D. Keller III | Beulah | 10-02-328-R(1) |
| Casey O'Neil | Beulah | 89-11-165-R(8) |
| Doug Stoltz | Falkirk | 89-11-162-R(8) |
| Shane S. Berg | Falkirk | 07-11-298-R(2) |
| Daryl Bykonen | Falkirk | 85-10-049-R(7) |
| Darcy Kramlich | Falkirk | 94-11-224-R(6) |
| Jeremiah Hruby | Falkirk | 10-02-323-R(1) |
| Robert Houdeness | Falkirk | 95-09-227-R(6) |
| Bernell T. Heid | Falkirk | 99-10-232-R(4) |
| Charles Anderson | Falkirk | 10-02-324-R(1) |
| Delvin W. Striha | Falkirk | 04-05-269-R(3) |
| Jeffrey Walker | Falkirk | 09-04-309-R(1) |
| Troy J. Leingang | Freedom | 07-11-300-R(2) |
| Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. | | |

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing concerning Nexus Communications, Inc.'s application to be designated as an eligible carrier for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for Lifeline service, Case No. PU-13-98.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Minutes

Blaster Re-Certification Approval

Case No. PU-13-98 Nexus Communications, Inc. Designated Eligible Carrier Application Case No. GE-13-102 Archer Daniels Midland Co. License No. 1190 - Russell, ND Discontinue Business

Case No. PU-12-813 Northern States Power Company 2013 Electric Rate Increase Application

Case No. AM-13-92 Havelock C Construction Project

Case No. AM-13-93 Richter Construction Project

Case No. AM-13-94 Scranton/Bowman Construction Project

Case No. PU-13-22 Basin Electric Power Cooperative 10" Natural Gas Pipeline – Mercer County Siting Application

ATTEST

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-13-102 cancelling warehouse license number 1190 issued to Archer Daniels Midland Co. at Russell, North Dakota and ordering that business at Russell is discontinued effective immediately.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a contract for consulting services to Snavely King Majoros & Associates in Northern States Power Company's electric rate increase application, Case No. PU-12-813.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission retain Sheldon Smith to provide legal services to prepare title opinions and assist the Commission in processing Case No. AM-13-92, AML Division 2013 Project, Havelock C Construction, Project, Case No. AM-13-93, AML Division 2013 Project, Richter Construction, Project, Case No. AM-13-94, AML Division 2013 Project, Scranton/Bowman Construction, Project.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission retain Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Case No. PU-13-22, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 10" Natural Gas Pipeline - Mercer County, North Dakota, Siting Application.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:03 A.M.

Executive Secretary

BRIAN P. KALK, CHAIRMAN