

August 18, 2004

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 18, 2004, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of August 4, 2004, be approved.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

Mr. Cramer: I move the following bills, as reviewed by the Commission, be approved and paid:

ADM Edible Bean Specialty, Inc.	300.00
26th Annual NAAMLPC Conference	175.00
Spherion	439.20
Interstate Mining Compact Commission	2,500.00
Leo D. Praus	459.20
Wayne Grangaard	560.56
COGMA 2004	225.00
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	12,225.76
Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc.	6,541.25
Jensen Travel	2,042.39
DOT	16,717.05
Human Resource Management Services	15.00
Facilities Management - 04-05 rent	27,541.15

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-399
Williams Communications, LLC
Name Change
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission reissue Certificate of Registration No. 845 to BCN Telecom, Inc., Case No. PU-04-159.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-330
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Philip Kelly, Kenmare, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Philip Kelly for a residential site near Kenmare, North Dakota, Case No. PU-04-330.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-04-397
Basin Cooperative Services
Variance Request, Permit BCGH-8204
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Basin Cooperative Services' request for a variance to the ten-year revegetation responsibility period for 48.3 acres in Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BCGH-8204 at the Glenharold Mine.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-97
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application
Deny Trade Secret Protection

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order denying trade secret protection in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Rate Increase Application, Case No. PU-04-97.

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

Case No. PU-04-109
Basin Electric Power Coop Inc.
Antelope Valley Station Water Pipeline-
Mercer County.
Siting Application
Shorten Waiting Period

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to six months in Case No. PU-04-109, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.'s Antelope Valley Station Water Pipeline in Mercer County, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-400
Northern States Power Company
August 2004
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for August 2004, Case No. PU-04-400.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-410
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
August 2004
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for August 2004, Case No. PU-04-410.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-2937-03-548
Beulah/Zap Phase VIII
2004-2007 AML Construction Project
Close Contract

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close Contract No. AM-488-04 with Thiem Drilling, 1502 West Broadway, Williston, ND 58801 for construction services at the Beulah/Zap Phase VIII abandoned mine land site in Mercer County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-04-155
Beulah/Zap Phase VIII
Material Testing Services Contract
Close Contract

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close Contract No. AM-483-04 with GEOSERV, Inc. 3100 E. Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502 for material testing services at the Beulah/Zap Phase VIII abandoned mine land site in Mercer County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:05 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT