

September 7, 2005

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 7, 2005, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of August 25, 2005, 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:

FedEx	22.04
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	63,233.25
Wyndmere Farmers Elevator	504.13
Liberty Consulting Group	4,032.08
Advanced Office Solutions	250.00
ND Newspaper Association	52.98
SyBase IAD	2,619.95
William Binek	623.94
Mark Knell	227.56
David Bickel	15.00
Guy Welch	30.00
Larry Reisenauer	162.87
Bruce Johnson	15.00
William E. Dodd	122.50
Bruce Beechie	45.00
Stephan A. Schroeder	96.90
Nirander M. Safaya	35.00
Timothy Erdmann	127.50
Patrick Fahn	135.00
Bill Eide	743.28
Leo Praus	899.72
Phyllis G. Richter	773.06
JP Robbins	429.00
Susan Wefald	133.30
Alan Moch	735.75
James Deutsch	215.41
OMB-7/05 ups	21.95

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-512

Joe Lissolo

Auction Clerk

License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Joe Lissolo, PO Box 373, Bowman, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-325
North Dakota Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Tariff
Withdraw EAS Proposal

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge North Dakota Telephone Company's request to withdraw its proposal for company-wide extended area service.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-473
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Dennis Dahlen, Halliday, 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 Dennis Dahlen for a residential site near Werner, North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-473.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-479
Otter Tail Corporation
Rodney Mickelson, Jamestown, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to Rodney Mickelson for a shop site near Jamestown, North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-479.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-504
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Optional Electric Rates 31 and 38
Approval
Suspend Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Optional Electric Rates 31 and 38, Case No. PU-05-504.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-04-353
Coteau Properties Company
Revision No. 1, Permit NACT-0201
Approval
Bond Area Increase

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve riders that increase the bond area for Self-Bond No. SB-9501-1 and Collateral Bond No. CB-9501-2 covering a consolidated bond area that includes all permits held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-514
811 Designation
Investigation
Notices of Opportunity

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Comment, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Informal Hearing in Case No. PU-05-514.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-325
North Dakota Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Tariff
Notice of Hearing

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in this proceeding.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-47
PPM Energy, Inc.
Rugby Wind Farm - Pierce County
Siting Application
Notice of Hearing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the August 30, 2005, issuance of a Notice of Hearing in the application of PPM Energy, Inc. for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Rugby Wind Farm, Case No. PU-05-47.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-47
PPM Energy, Inc.
Rugby Wind Farm - Pierce County
Siting Application
Intervention Approved

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission grant the petition to intervene from J T McIntire in Case No. PU-05-47 for the limited purpose of participation in the future proceeding or proceedings that will be scheduled by the Commission for approval of turbine site locations and that participation be limited to the issues identified and raised by the Commission for those proceedings.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-180
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Electric Service Rules and Regulations
Tariff

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve revisions filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to its Rate 110 Electric Service Rules and Regulations tariff schedule, Case No. PU-05-180.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-305
PPM Energy, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line
Siting Application
Intervention Denied

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission deny the petition to intervene from J T McIntire and adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Case No. PU-05-305.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-04-597
Leith Phase 1
2005 AML Construction
Project
Sole Source Procurement

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize procurement of tree and shrub planting services at the Leith abandoned mine land site in Grant County using sole source procurement methods.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-04-673
Basin Cooperative Services
Bond Release No. 1, Permit 29
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 1 for Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 29, held by Basin Cooperative Services for the Glenharold Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 151.31 acres located in portions of Section 19, T144N, R84W, Mercer County. The amount of the bond release is \$75,655 and it will become effective October 7, 2005, unless a formal hearing is requested.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Replacement of Vehicle 7205

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize replacement of a Ford van, Vehicle SF7205, with a modified trailer to house the Abandoned Mine Land Division's underground camera equipment.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT