January 25, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 25, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of January 11, 2006, be approved.

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

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

28.94
329.64
279.18
316.14
447.00
219.90
85.50
146.64
1,476.45
2,761.08
10,018.37
20.84

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for LeRoy L. Boeckel, Hazen, North Dakota.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Bill Helbling for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-650.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Greg Kruckenberg for a shop site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-651.

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

Case No. AU-06-32 Leroy L. Boeckel Auctioneer License Application

Case No. PU-05-650 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Bill Helbling, Mandan, ND Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-05-651 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Greg Kruckenberg, Mandan, ND Public Convenience & Necessity

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Bills

Case No. PU-05-657 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Fred White, Steele, ND Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. GE-06-27 Technology Crops, Inc. Grain Warehouse - Pillsbury, ND License Application

Case No. GE-06-28 Universal Ag Products, Inc. Roving Grain Buyer - Galesburg, ND Discontinue Business

Case No. GE-06-29 Direct Grain, Inc. Grain Warehouse - Mooreton, ND Discontinue Business

Case No. GE-06-30 The Scoular Company Roving Grain Buyer - Overland Park, KS License Application

Case No. GE-06-33 Heartland Feed, Inc. Hay Buyer License - Tioga, ND Revocation

Case No. PU-05-236 Great Plains Natural Gas Co. 2004 Annual Report Page 2

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Fred White for a residential site near Steele, North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-657.

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-27 granting the request of Technology Crops, Inc. to operate a 430,000-bushel grain warehouse at Pillsbury, North Dakota, effective January 16, 2006.

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-28 granting the request of Universal Ag Products, Inc., Galesburg, North Dakota, to discontinue business as a North Dakota roving grain buyer.

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-29 granting the request of Direct Grain, Inc. to discontinue business at Mooreton, North Dakota. Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for The Scoular Company, Overland Park, Kansas.

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-33 revoking hay buyer license number 4099 of Heartland Feed, Inc., Tioga, North Dakota, effective January 23, 2006, for failure to maintain adequate bond filing.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s 2004 Annual Report, Case No. PU-05-236.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye." Case No. PU-05-266 Northern States Power Company 2004 Gas Operations Annual Report

Case No. PU-06-20 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU February 2006 Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Case No. PU-06-21 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU February 2006 Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Case No. GS-05-515 2006 Federal/State Gas Pipeline Safety Grant Application

ATTEST

Executive Secretary

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company's 2004 Gas Operations Annual Report, Case No. PU-05-266.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Cost of Gas Adjustment for February 2006, Case No. PU-06-20.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for February 2006, Case No. PU-06-21.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission sign and submit the 2006 Gas Pipeline Safety Certification Agreement to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, signifying its planned participation in the 2006 gas pipeline safety program year.

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

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:20 A.M.

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT