March 7, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of February 17, and 22, 2006, be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I move the following bills, as reviewed

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

Bills

by the Commission, be approved and paid: Susan Wefald 872.76 ND Grain Dealers Association 195.00 Leo D. Praus 411.00 FedEx 13.32 ND State University 421.46 IMCC 500.00 Cellular One 279.38 Dean K. Moos 67.50 Stephan A. Schroeder 15.00 Larry L. Larson 263.12 David Bickel 22.50 Bruce A. Johnson 15.00 Guy Welch 7.50 Timothy Erdmann 685.76 Rick Fillbrandt 664.87 Anthony T. Clark 1,188.54 Bill Eide 155.77 Phyllis G. Richter 526.16 Leo D. Praus 318.00 JP Robbins 422.38 Office of Administrative Hearings 1,628.83

Case No. PU-06-45 Level 3 Communications, LLC Interconnection Arbitration Application Rescind Legal Approval Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission rescind its February 8, 2006, motion to admit attorneys Rebecca B. Cook, Erik J. Cecil, Victoria Mandell, and Richard E. Thayer to practice before the Commission in Case No. PU-06-45; Level 3 Communications, LLC, Interconnection Arbitration Application.

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

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

Case No. AU-06-80 Mikki Groft Auctioneer License Application

Case No. AU-06-81 Mikki Groft Auction Clerk License Application

Case No. AU-06-82 Rex Schrader Auctioneer License Application

Case No. GE-06-83 Slauson Trading Company, LLC Roving Grain Buyer - Rogers, MN License Application

Case No. GE-06-84 North Central Commodities, Inc. Roving Grain Buyer - Gilby, ND License Application

Case No. PU-05-527 South Heart Coal LLC 500 MW Generating Station Siting Application Filing Fee

Case No. PU-06-78 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Intersystem Sales Margin Sharing Rates Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Mikki Groft, Devils Lake. Minnesota.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Mikki Groft, Devils Lake. Minnesota.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Rex Schrader, Columbia City, Indiana.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for Slauson Trading Company, LLC, Rogers, Minnesota.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for North Central Commodities, Inc., Gilby, North Dakota.

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge South Heart Coal LLC's Letter of Intent and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon the filing of a siting application for its proposed 500 MW Generation Station in Stark County, North Dakota in Case No. PU-05-527.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Intersystem Sales Margin Sharing Adjustment rate effective April 1, 2006, Case No. PU-06-78.

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

Case No. PU-06-71 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU March 2006 Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-73 Otter Tail Corporation March 2006 Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-74 Northern States Power Company March 2006 Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-79 Northern States Power Company March 2006 Cost of Gas Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-85 Great Plains Natural Gas Co. March 2006 Cost of Gas Adjustment

Case No. PU-05-551
Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Complaint

ATTEST

Executive Secretary

Discussion Items Only

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for March 2006, Case No. PU-06-79.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2006. Case No. PU-06-85.

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Comission suspend the briefing schedule established on February 9, 2006, in Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. PU-05-551

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

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

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TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT