January 24, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 24, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of January 10, 2007, be approved.

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

Bills

by the Commission, be approved and paid:
Kevin Cramer 110.00
ND Newspaper Association 2,498.19
Alltel 288.59
NDSU – Restricted Fund Accounting 280.33

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

AVI Systems, Inc. 93.00

ND Geological Survey 1,052.00

DOT – 12/06 7,007.16

Office of Administrative Hearings 209.59

GE Corporate Payment Services 11,510.29

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

Case No. PU-05-131
Otter Tail Corporation
Cost of Energy Adjustment Clause
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting the petition to intervene filed by ND OTP Large Industrial Energy Group in Case No. PU-05-131, Otter Tail Corporation's Cost of Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff.

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

Case No. PU-07-4 Northern States Power Company Cogeneration/Small Power Producer Rates Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cogeneration/Small Power Producer rates, Case No. PU-07-4.

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

Case No. PU-07-10
Otter Tail Corporation
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Rates

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Otter Tail Corporation's Cogeneration/Small Power Producer Rates, Case No. PU-07-10.

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

Case No. PU-06-290 Federal 2005 Energy Policy Act Standards Investigation

Case No. PU-06-481
Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application

Case No. PU-06-482 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Advance Determination of Prudence Application

Case No. PU-07-11 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU February 2007 Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Case No. PU-07-12 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU February 2007 Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Case No. PU-06-58 Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Investigation

Case No. PU-06-458 Aaron Krauter AllTel Corporation Complaint

Case No. PU-06-530 Midcontinent Communications Interconnection Arbitration Application Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Paper Hearing in its investigation considering whether to adopt certain energy policy standards under the federal Energy Policies Act of 2005, Case No. PU-06-290.

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Public Input Sessions in Otter Tail Corporation's Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Case No. PU-06-481 and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Case No. PU-06-482.

Mr. Cramer: 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 2007, Case No. PU-07-11.

Mrs. Wefald: 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 2007, Case No. PU-07-12.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving Performance Assurance Plan revisions filed by Qwest; Case No. PU-06-58.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Held Over

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the Stipulation filed by Midcontinent Communications and Consolidated Telcom in this proceeding; Case No. PU-06-530.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-395 Qwest Corporation Section 272 Biennial Audit Investigation

Case No. PU-05-546 Qwest Corporation vs. Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Co. Inc. et al. Complaint

Case No. PU-06-458 Aaron Krauter AllTel Corporation Complaint

ATTEST

Executive Director

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-395, Qwest Corporation, Section 272 Biennial Audit, Investigation.

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-05-546, Qwest Corporation vs. Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Co. Inc. et al., Complaint.

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

THE COMMISSION RECESSED AT 11:10 A.M.

The Public Service Commission reconvened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 24, 2007, 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Notice of Hearing in the Aaron Krauter v. AllTel Corporation Complaint, Case No. PU-06-458.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 1:40 P.M.

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT