

February 13, 2008

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Clark. Commissioner Cramer participated by phone and authorized his administrative assistant to sign the orders and contracts on his behalf.

Minutes

Mrs. Wefald: I move the minutes of January 30, February 6, 2008, be approved.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

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

Presort Plus	17.67
ND Newspaper Association	296.51
Guy Welch	30.00
Tim Oswald	15.00
Bruce Johnson	7.50
William T. Gunnerson	87.50
Bruce Beechie	101.05
Susan E. Wefald	79.95
Wayne Grangaard	553.00
Leo D. Praus	272.55
Phyllis G. Richter	986.08
Timothy Erdmann	977.03
John P. Robbins	542.72
Stephan A. Schroeder	22.50
OMB – 1/08 central duplicating	40.17
OMB – 1/08 supplies	176.35
OMB – 1/08 postage	442.21
ITD – 1/08 microfilm	752.10
ITD – 1/08 dp	3,368.05
ITD – 1/08 ph	1,691.66

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-528
Otter Tail Corporation
Kerry Ketterling, Marion ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to Kerry Ketterling for grain bins at a location in LaMoure County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-528.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-744
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Rod Mattern, Dawson ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Withdrawn

Case No. PU-07-766
Otter Tail Corporation
230kv Transmission Line Reroute
Richland County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge supplementing its February 6th Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Case No. PU-07-766 with a map more suitable for publishing.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-776
Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission take administrative notice of Northern States Power Company's Integrated Resource Plan on file with the Commission in Case No. PU-07-776.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-466
Otter Tail Corporation
Renewable Generation Rider
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission suspend Northern States Power Company's Renewable Generation Rider Tariff, Case No. PU 06-466.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-12
Dakota Farms International, Ltd.
dba DFI, Ltd.
Roving Grain Buyer's License -
Carpenter SD
Suspension / Revocation

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-12 acknowledging the automatic revocation of roving grain buyer license number 3068 issued to Dakota Farms International, Ltd. dba DFI, Ltd. of Carpenter, South Dakota, as of February 1, 2008, for failure to maintain adequate bond filing and ordering Dakota Farms International, Ltd. dba DFI, Ltd. to forward roving grain buyer license number 3068 to the Commission.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-722
Langdon Wind, LLC
Wind Farm - Cavalier County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in Case No. PU-07-722, Langdon Wind, LLC's proposed wind farm expansion in Cavalier County, North Dakota.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wefald votes "Aye".

Mr. Cramer votes "Nay".

Mr. Clark, votes "Aye".

Case No. PU-07-774
Northern States Power Company
Petition/Accounting Treatment/
Nuclear Refueling
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order authorizing a change in the method of accounting for nuclear refueling costs in Northern States Power Company's application, Case No. PU 07 774.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-46
Crownbutte Wind Power LLC
Electric Generation/Wind -
Adams/Bowman County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent, shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to one day, and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon the filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-46, Crownbutte Wind Power LLC's proposed 200 MW Wind farm in Adams and Bowman Counties of North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-48
Otter Tail Corporation/
Minnkota Power Cooperative
Luverne to Maple River Electric
Transmission Line
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent, shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to one day, and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon the filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-48, Otter Tail Corporation's and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed electric transmission line in Barnes, Cass and Steele Counties of North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-45
Otter Tail Corporation
February 2008
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-53
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
February 2008
Cost of Gas

Hold Over

Case No. PU-08-59
Northern States Power Company
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Case No. GE-07-597
Specialty Export Productions, Inc.
Grain Warehouse
Insolvency

Mr. Clark: I move that the Commission recommend to the Court that the trust assets and bond proceeds available in this case be used to pay the valid claimants based upon their valid claims plus interest; that payment be forwarded to the claimants as soon as possible; and that the Commission be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the administration of the insolvency.

I further move that the Commission request that the Court require the surety, Western Surety Company (now known as CNA Surety Company), 101 S. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, to deposit the total bond proceeds in the amount of \$200,000 in this proceeding.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT