

February 27, 2008

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 27, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of February 13, 21, 2008 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:

ND Newspaper Association	250.92
Alltel	232.40
Susan E. Wefald	785.00
Patrick Fahn	7.50
ND Grain Dealers Association	130.00
Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc.	1,575.00
Image Printing, Inc.	115.00
Anthony T. Clark	694.40
OMB – training	105.00
DOT – 1/08	11,984.92

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-486  
Accounting, Electric and Gas  
Rulemaking

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order Submitting Proposed Rules to the Attorney General for an opinion as to legality, Case Nos. PU-06-486, PU-06-501 and PU-07-642

Case No. PU-06-501  
Public Utilities - Siting  
Rulemaking

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-642  
Wind Turbine Decommissioning  
Rulemaking

Case No. PU-06-490  
Public Utilities - Electric  
Rulemaking

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the rules as submitted to the Attorney General and file the rules with the Legislative Council for publication in Case No. PU-06-490.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission take administrative notice in Case No. PU-07-776, Northern States Power Company, Electric Rate Increase, Application of Case No. PU-07-790, Northern States Power Company, Minnesota Integrated Resource Plan, Information.

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

Case No. GS-08-72  
2008 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety  
Certification and Agreement

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission sign and submit the 2008 Gas Pipeline Safety Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, signifying its planned participation in the 2008 gas pipeline safety program year.

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

Case No. AU-08-76  
Col. Larry Gene Folkerts  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Col. Larry Gene Folkerts, Hazen, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-08-77  
Col. Larry Gene Folkerts  
Auction Clerk  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Col. Larry Gene Folkerts, Hazen, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-08-78  
James M. Borseth  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for James M. Borseth, Williston, North Dakota.

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 issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Case No. PU-06-466.

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

Case No. AM-08-9  
Columbus  
2008 Phase 9 Construction  
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize procurement of construction services for the Williams County Road 9, Phase 3, and Columbus, Phase 9, abandoned mine land sites using competitive sealed bidding procedures.

Case No. AM-08-10  
Williams County Rd 9  
2008 Phase 9 Construction  
Project

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

Case No. PU-08-34  
M-Power LLC  
Electric Generation - Wind -  
Griggs/Steele County  
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent, shorten the one-year waiting period for filing an application to one day and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-34, M-Power, LLC's proposed 150 MW Luverne Wind Farm in Griggs and Steele Counties of North Dakota.

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

Case No. PU-08-47  
Northern States Power Company  
February 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-49  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
February 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-08-73  
FPL Energy Ashtabula Wind LLC  
230kv Electric Transmission Line  
Barnes 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 \$15,000 in Case No. PU-08-73, Ashtabula Wind, LLCs proposed 230 kV Electric Transmission Line in Barnes County, North Dakota.

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

Case No. PU-07-318  
Renewable Electricity and Recycled  
Energy Tracking  
Misc. Case

Mrs. Wefald: I move the commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Case No. PU-07-318.

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

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

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-59  
Northern States Power Company  
February 2008  
Cost of Gas

Case No. PU-08-62  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
March 2008  
Cost of Gas/Natural Gas

Case No. PU-08-63  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
March 2008  
Cost of Gas/Propane

Performance Bonuses

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission award a performance bonus to the employee in position number 4012 and award a performance bonus to the employee in position number 4013, consistent with the Executive Director's written summary of the Commission's February 22, 2008, work session.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Hire AML Construction Inspector

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission hire Larry Reisenauer, Route 3, Box 53A, Belfield, North Dakota 58622 for part-time employment as a Construction Inspector for the AML Division with a period of employment from April 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008 at a salary of \$15.60 per hour plus time and a half for hours in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:28 A.M.

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Executive Director

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SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT