

May 21, 2008

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of May 7, 13, 2008 be approved.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

No bills for payment this meeting.

Blaster Re-Certification  
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

No.	Applicant	Affiliation	CertificateNo.
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| 1. | Brent Michael Lipelt | Freedom Mine | 08-05-301 |
| 2. | Dustin Renner        | Freedom Mine | 08-05-302 |
| 3. | Darin Rudland        | Freedom Mine | 08-05-303 |
| 4. | John B. Schwartz     | Falkirk Mine | 08-05-304 |
| 5. | John D. Aasheim      | Falkirk Mine | 08-05-305 |

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-08-180  
Ronnie Charles Norgren  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Ronnie Charles Norgren, Dalton, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-08-181  
Ronnie Charles Norgren  
Auction Clerk  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Ronnie Charles Norgren, Dalton, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-159  
Langdon Wind, LLC  
Partial Transfer of Site Certificate  
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Intervention to Otter Tail Corporation in the application of Langdon Wind, LLC for partial transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6 to Otter Tail for its ownership of a 40.5 MW portion of the Langdon Wind Energy Center in Cavalier County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-08-159.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-200  
Otter Tail Corporation  
Otter Tail 48 MW Project - Wind  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Otter Tail Corporation for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and own a 48 MW portion of the approximately 200 MW Ashtabula Wind Energy Center proposed in Barnes County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-08-200.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-202  
Northern States Power Company  
May 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Case No. PU-06-466.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-06-532  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Bond Release 2, Permit NAFK-8705  
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-8705, held by The Falkirk Mining Company, to release all remaining reclamation liabilities on 193.4 acres of land located in a portion of Section 31, T146N, R82W, McLean County. The bond release will become effective June 23, 2008, unless a formal hearing is requested. No monetary reduction to the bond amount was requested.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-791  
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC  
Pump Station Upgrades  
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Notice of Hearing in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's application to amend existing corridor or route permits to upgrade pump stations, Case No. PU-07-791.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-08-140  
American Colloid Co.  
Notice of Violation 0801  
Violation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Case No. RC-08-140, Notice of Violation No. 0801 issued to American Colloid Company, to affirm the violation and assess a \$1000 civil penalty.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-194  
NuStar Pipeline Operating  
Partnership, L.P.  
North Project System  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, L.P. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate the North Product System, Case No. PU-08-194.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-195  
Northern States Power Company  
May 2008  
Cost of Gas

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-198  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
May 2008  
Cost of Gas

Case No. PU-08-205  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
June 2008  
Cost of Gas/Propane

Case No. PU-08-206  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
June 2008  
Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Case No. GE-08-197  
VeraSun Hankinson, LLC  
Grain Warehouse - Hankinson, ND  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-197 granting the request of VeraSun Hankinson, LLC of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, to operate a 1,000,000-bushel grain warehouse at Hankinson, North Dakota, effective May 14, 2008.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-134  
Midcontinent Communications/  
Consolidated Telcom  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the order approving an amendment negotiated to an existing interconnection agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Consolidated Telcom, Case No. PU-08-134.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-189  
Telecommunications Relay Service  
Misc. Case

Mr. Clark: I move the commission publish notice of the 2008-2009 Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge in the daily newspapers of general circulation in the state of North Dakota, Case No. PU-08-189.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Employee

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of John Hamre to fill PSC Position No. 5003, Administrative Assistant II, effective May 12, 2008, under the terms specified in the April 21, 2008 written offer of employment.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Resignation of GIS Specialist II  
Position

Mr. Cramer: I move that the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Kraig Nelson effective May 28, 2008.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2008 AML Construction Inspector

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission hire Raymond Kelsch for seasonal part-time employment as a Construction Inspector for the AML Division with a period of employment from May 27, 2008 to November 30, 2008 at a salary of \$14.50 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 12:05 P.M.

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Executive Director

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SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT