

February 15, 2012

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark and Kalk. Commissioner Cramer participated by telephone and authorized his administrative assistant to sign orders on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Kalk: I move the minutes of February 1, 2012 be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-392
Otter Tail Power Company
Keith Drake, Eddy County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Otter Tail Power Company to extend electric service to Keith Drake at a location in Eddy County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-392.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-62
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Switched Access
Price Schedule

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission suspend Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.'s proposed switched access price schedule, Case No. PU-12-62.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-63
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
Switched Access
Price Schedule

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission suspend Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative's proposed switched access price schedule, Case No. PU-12-63.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-47
Arrow Field Services, LLC /
Banner Transportation
Transfer of Corridor Certificate &
Route Permit
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the joint application of Arrow Field Services, LLC and Banner Transportation Company, LLC to transfer Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 126 and Route Permit No. 135 to Banner Transportation Company, LLC, Case No. PU-12-47.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-12-67
Falkirk Mining Company
Self Bond Increase
Approval

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission approve the bond rider that increases the amount of Self-Bond No. SB-9503-1 to \$67,005,000 covering the consolidated bond area for the Falkirk Mine that includes Permits NAFK-8405, NAFK-8705, and NAFK-9503 held by The Falkirk Mining Company.

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

Case No. PU-11-646
Wilton Wind IV, LLC
99 MW Wind Energy Center –
Burleigh County
Siting Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 26 to Wilton Wind IV, LLC, authorizing construction of its proposed 99 MW Wilton IV Wind Energy Center in Burleigh County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-646.

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

Case No. PU-12-59
Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence -
Geronimo Wind
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Intervention Deadline in Northern States Power Company's application for advance determination of prudence for its proposed Purchase Power Agreement with Geronimo Wind Energy LLC, Case No. PU-12-59.

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

Case No. PU-11-654
Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.
vs. Otter Tail Power Company
Complaint

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order of Dismissal concerning Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s complaint against Otter Tail Power Company, Case No. PU-11-654.

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

Case No. PU-11-232
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Berthold Station Expansion Project
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission deem the applications complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in the request of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit for the construction of new station facilities, pumping units, tankage, and associated station piping at its existing Berthold Station in Ward County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-232.

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

Case No. PU-11-672
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Re
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission appoint Jerry Lein, Mark Gruman and Christopher Marohl as advocacy staff in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s application for a transmission cost recovery rate, Case No. PU-11-672, and transmission facility cost recovery tariff, Case No. PU-11-681.

Case No. PU-11-681
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Re
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Tariff

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

Case No. PU-12-59
Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence -
Geronimo Wind
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission appoint Mike Diller, Mark Gruman, Annette Bendish, and Christopher Marohl as advocacy staff in Northern States Power Company's application for advance determination of prudence concerning its proposed 200 megawatt Purchase Power Agreement with Geronimo Wind Energy LLC, Case No. PU-12-59.

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

Employee Equity Adjustments

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission grant an equity adjustment effective March 1, 2012 for the employees occupying positions 5007 and 5010 as specified in the executive secretary's written summary dated February 2, 2012.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:40 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY CLARK, CHAIRMAN