

January 29, 2003

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 29, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Reinbold, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Reinbold: I move the minutes of January 15, 2003, be approved.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

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

Geoserv, Inc.	1,403.60
MVTL Laboratories	476.00
CellularOne	213.22
Nirander Safaya	18.00
Anthony T. Clark	95.75
Shea PC	924.64
Leo M. Reinbold	38.50
Leo Praus	366.40
Industrial Commission	267.75
Department of Transportation	5,918.03
Ben Johnson Associates, Inc.	258.00

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2412-02-603
Consolidated Telcom
PC&N Change/Richardton, ND
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission close the captioned applications for changes to certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the Hebron and Richardton, North Dakota exchanges.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-432-02-604
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
PC&N Change/Hebron, ND
Application

Case No. PU-2819-03-19
Bee Line Long Distance, LLC
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Bee Line Long Distance, LLC to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2819-03-19.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-02-183
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application
Compliance Tariff Corrections

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve compliance tariff corrections filed January 6, 2003, for service rendered on or after December 12, 2002, under MDU Small Interruptible Rate 71 and Large Interruptible Rate 85 in the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for an increase in Natural Gas Rates, Case No. PU-399-02-183.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-02-658
Otter Tail Corporation
M & B Concrete, Oakes, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Reinbold: 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 M & B Concrete for a concrete plant site near Oakes, North Dakota, Case No. PU-2805-02-658.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-02-668
Otter Tail Corporation
Lisa Meyer, Wahpeton, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Reinbold: 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 Lisa Meyer for a residential site near Wahpeton, North Dakota, Case No. PU-2805-02-668.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-439-02-99
Reclamation
Rulemaking
Submit Changes to OSM

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission submit the mining and reclamation rules changes proposed in Case No. RC-439-02-99 to the Office of Surface Mining as State Program Amendment XXXIII with a few minor revisions based on recommendations from the Attorney General's office.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-59
Marvin Ray Messer - Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Marvin Ray Messer, Richardton, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2820-03-21
Arch Wireless Operating Company,
Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2746-03-24
VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P./Qwest
Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application

Cases Continued

Case No. PU-2725-03-25
VP Telecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2445-03-26
New Access Communications,
LLC/Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-2822-03-63
Joseph B. McNeal d/b/a Page
Data/Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2271-02-666
Sprint Communications Company
L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application
Notice of Opportunity to File Written
Comments

Case No. PU-399-03-28
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
February 2003
Purchased Gas Adj. Natural Gas

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Purchased
Gas Adjustment for February 2003, Case No. PU-399-
03-28.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-402-03-34
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
January 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s purchased gas
adjustment for January 2003, Case No. PU-402-03-34.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Lehigh Road Phase VII
Material Testing Services
Close Contract

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-442-02 with GEOSERV, Inc., 3100 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58502 for material testing services at the Lehigh Road Phase VII abandoned mine land project in Stark County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Contract Change Order
Contract No. AM-449-02

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission authorize a change order in the amount of \$500 to Contract No. AM-449-02.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Office of Pipeline Safety
Compliance Response

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission send a letter commenting on the 2001 gas pipeline safety program evaluation.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2002 Fourth Quarter Activities Report

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission approve the 2002 Fourth Quarter Departmental Activities Reports.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT