

February 12, 2003

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 12, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Reinbold, and Clark.

Minutes

Mrs. Wefald: I move the minutes of January 29, 2003, be approved.

Mr. Reinbold: 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	46.32
Northland Travel	679.00
ND Newspaper Association	526.91
Advanced Business Methods	762.00
McLean County Abstract Co., Inc.	2,000.00
Water Supply, Inc.	332.50
Wayne Grangaard	400.17
Timothy Erdmann	756.07
J. P. Robbins	466.54
Leo Praus	216.58
Richard Fillbrandt	377.44
Bill Eide	169.85
Susan E. Wefald	179.31
Guy Welch	12.00
William E. Dodd	69.50
Bruce Beechie	75.50
David Bickel	18.00
Bruce Johnson	6.00
Mark Knell	6.00
Dean Moos	76.23
Phyllis Richter	602.39
Stephan Schroeder	12.00
The Dickinson Title Co.	150.00
Northwest Abstract & Title, Inc.	450.00
Facility Management	1,712.18
Information Technology Department	1,435.54
Information Technology Department	19.20
Information Technology Department	2,181.14
Elan	6,630.26
Central Supply	497.14
Central Duplicating	211.84
Facility Management	9.15

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2827-03-77
Transcom Communications, Inc.
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Transcom Communications, Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2827-03-77.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2003 Federal/State Gas Pipeline
Safety
Certification and Agreement

Mrs. Wefald: I move that the Commission sign and submit the 2003 Gas Pipeline Safety Certification Agreement to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Research, and Special Programs Administration signifying its planned participation in the 2003 gas pipeline safety program year.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-67
Northern States Power Company
February 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's February 2003 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-03-67.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Lehigh Road Phase VII
Construction Service
Close Contract

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-438-02 with Brad Nelson of Thiem Drilling, Inc., 1502 West Broadway, Williston, North Dakota 58801 for construction services at the Lehigh Road Phase VII abandoned mine land site in Stark County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-03-35
Otter Tail Corporation
February 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Case No. PU-2805-03-35, Otter Tail Corporation's Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment for February 2003.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-56
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
February 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for February 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-56.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-62
Northern States Power Company
February 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for February 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-62.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-03-61
Otter Tail Corporation
Archer Daniels Midland Co. Service
Agreement
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission grant Otter Tail Corporation's request for continued variance from its Real Time Pricing Rider and approve its real time pricing electric service agreement with Archer Daniels Midland Company, Case No. PU-2805-03-61.

Not specified: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Offer of Employment

Mr. Reinbold: I move that the Commission's minutes reflect that an offer of employment was extended to Sheila Hanson to serve as an administrative assistant in the Reclamation and Abandoned Mine Lands Divisions (Position No. 408-7211) starting February 25, 2003. Ms. Hanson has accepted the offer.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT