

March 12, 2003

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

Minutes

Mr. Reinbold: I move the minutes of February 27, and March 4, 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:

David Bickel	12.00
Leo Praus	222.45
Phyllis Richter	471.27
Guy Welch	356.00
Timothy Erdmann	530.92
Stephan Schroeder	12.00
J. P. Robbins	502.43
Susan E. Wefald	70.00
Leo M. Reinbold	158.00
Anthony T. Clark	97.00
Larry Larson	12.00
Bruce Beechie	6.00
William Dodd	6.00
Richard Fillbrandt	349.97
Bruce Johnson	18.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	7,306.00
Regional Oversight Committee	130.00
National Association of AML Programs	200.00
Advanced Business Methods	807.07
Wayne Grangaard	625.87
Mark Knell	725.94
Information Technology Department	2,035.18
Information Technology Department	33.60
Facility Management	767.65
Information Technology Department	1,379.83

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2682-03-100
VP Telecom, Inc.
Name Change
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission reissue Certificate of Registration Nos. 870 and 871, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Nos. 4831 through 4857 to OrbitCom, Inc., Case No. PU-2682-03-100.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2837-03-109
American Long Lines, Inc.
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to American Long Lines, Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2837-03-109.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2839-03-112
Teleglobe USA LLC
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Teleglobe USA LLC to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2839-03-112.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-122
James Smaaland - Auctioneer
Suspension/Revocation
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-896-03-122 suspending auctioneer license number 108 of James Smaaland, Thompson, North Dakota, for lack of adequate bond coverage and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the matter.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-124
Wayne D. Kabanuck - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Wayne D. Kabanuck, Max, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-125
David Ordon - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for David Ordon, Northbrook, Illinois.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-123
Milton Zimbelman - Auction Clerk
Cancellation

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-896-03-123 canceling auction clerk license number 2 of Milton Zimbelman, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2271-02-666
Sprint Communications Company
L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

Mr. Reinbold: 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

Cases Continued

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

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-399-02-183
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application
Notice of Hearing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Rate Increase application in Case No. PU-399-02-183.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-119
Northern States Power Company
March 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's March 2003 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-03-119.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-2842-03-115
Buechler/Garrison Phase II
2003-2006 AML Construction
Project

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission authorize procurement of appraisal services for portions of the Garrison/Buechler and Columbus Phase V abandoned mine land sites, located respectively in McLean and Burke Counties using competitive sealed bidding procedures with solicitations by mail to qualified bidders.

Case No. AM-2843-03-116
Columbus Phase V
2003-2006 AML Construction
Project
Procurement of Appraisal Services

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

Case No. PU-439-02-471
FERC SMD NOPR
PSC Comments/Letters

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge joining in the filing of multi-state comments on February 28, 2003, concerning regional state committees in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Standard Electricity Market Design, FERC Docket No. RM01-12-000, PSC Case No. PU-429-02-471. I further move the Commission acknowledge joining with other states in sending a letter to the Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc. cautioning against moving to fast to implement Locational Marginal Pricing of electric transmission service.

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

Case No. PU-400-03-36
Northern States Power Company
Transfer of Functional Control to
TRANSLink
Application
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and
Notice of Informal Hearing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Informal Hearing in Northern States Power Company's application to transfer functional control of electric transmission facilities and ownership of energy management software to TRANSLink Transmission Company, LLC, Case No. PU-400-03-36.

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

Case No. PU-2805-03-94
Otter Tail Corporation
March 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Case No. PU-2805-03-94, Otter Tail Corporation's Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment for March 2003.

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

Case No. PU-399-03-99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
March 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for March 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-99.

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

Case No. PU-400-03-111
Northern States Power Company
March 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for March 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-111.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Hiring Construction Inspector

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission hire Larry Reisenauer, Route 3, Box 53A, Belfield, North Dakota 58622 for permanent part-time employment as a Construction Inspector with a period of employment from April 1, 2003, to November 30, 2003, at a salary described in the attached memorandum.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2342-01-296
Qwest Corporation
Interconnection/Wholesale Price
Investigation
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2342-01-296, Qwest Corporation, Interconnection /Wholesale Price, Investigation.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2603-02-549
VarTec Telecom, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
Application
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill VarTec Telecom, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2603-02-549, VarTec Telecom, Inc., Toll Dialing Parity, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-967-02-627
Excel Telecommunications, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
Application
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Excel Telecommunications Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-967-02-627, Excel Telecommunications, Inc., Toll Dialing Parity, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2271-02-666
Sprint Communications Company
L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Sprint Communications Co. LP and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-02-666, Sprint Communications Co. LP/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mr. Clark: 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
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Arch Wireless Operating Company and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2820-03-21, Arch Wireless Operating Company/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mr. Clark: 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
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2746-03-24, VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill VP Telecom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2725-03-25, VP Telecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill New Access Communications, LLC and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2445-03-26, New Access Communications, LLC/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Joseph B. McNeal d/b/a Page Data and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2822-03-63, Joseph B. McNeal d/b/a Page Data/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mr. Clark: 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

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-399-02-183, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:05 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT