

June 18, 2003

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 18, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Reinbold, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Reinbold: I move the minutes of May 30, June 4, and June 6, 2003, be approved.

Mr. Clark: 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:

ND Newspaper Association	1,704.16
The Coteau Properties Company	41.66
Kelly Services	876.28
Larry Reisenauer	30.00
Presort Plus	9.36
Newman Outdoor Advertising	4,423.95
David Bickel	436.25
WorkLife	60.00
North Country Estate Fencing	16,296.00
Fireside Office Plus	15,454.00
Dean K. Moos	448.25
Stephan A. Schroeder	425.75
Larry L. Larson	745.55
Guy Welch	532.05
Bill Eide	588.00
Quality Construction, Inc.	21,271.93
William W. Binek	837.85
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	53,171.46
Adams County Soil Conservation District	10,005.20
Central Duplicating	760.18
Central Supply	1,898.68
ITD	1,829.81
PERS – Payroll Conference	25.00
Facilities Management – shipping	4.94
Facilities Management – postage	1,194.30
Office of Administrative Hearing – judge	8.19
ITD – phone charges	1,437.89

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2187-03-305  
KDD America, Inc.  
Name Change  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission reissue Certificate of Registration No. 661 to KDDI America, Inc., Case No. PU-2187-03-305.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2879-03-307  
Colorado Communications Network, Inc.  
Long Distance/Operator Services  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue Certificates of Registration to Colorado Communications Network, Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services and to provide operator services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2879-03-307.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2880-03-311  
GLOBCOM INCORPORATED  
Long Distance/Local Exchange  
Reseller  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue Certificates of Registration to GLOBCOM INCORPORATED to resell interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2880-03-311.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2881-03-312  
Yak Communications (America), Inc.  
Long Distance Reseller  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Yak Communications (America), Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2881-03-312.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2878-03-288  
Equilon Pipeline Company LLC  
Name Change  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission reissue Route Permit No. 37, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 3774 to Shell Pipeline Company LP, Case No. PU-2878-03-288.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-03-136  
Otter Tail Corporation  
DelWayne Hoefs, Wahpeton, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission grant Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative's request to withdraw its objection and adopt the Order issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to DelWayne Hoefs for a shop site near Wahpeton, North Dakota, Case No. PU-2805-03-136.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-227  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc  
Blaine B. Harter, Driscoll, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Blaine B. Harter for a residential site near Driscoll, North Dakota, Case No. PU-399-03-227.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-03-272  
Otter Tail Corporation  
Brad Moberg - Lansford, 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 Brad Moberg for a shop and bin site near Lansford, North Dakota, Case No. PU-2805-03-272.

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

Case No. PU-399-03-299  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc  
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer  
Rates

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Cogeneration/Small Power Producer rates, Case No. PU-399-03-299

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

Case No. AU-2884-03-342  
Auctioneers Training Center of Canada  
Auction School Certification  
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-2884-03-342 granting an application for certification to Auctioneers Training Center of Canada, located in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, as an approved auction school as required by Section 69-08-01-01 of the N.D. Admin. Code.

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

Case No. AU-896-03-343  
Alan Wade Boote - Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Alan Wade Boote, Binford, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-896-03-344  
Louis Nels Halvorson - Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Louis Nels Halvorson, Binford, North Dakota.

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

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Orders Granting Trade Secret Protection for certain information filed in Qwest Corporation's Interconnection/Wholesale Price Investigation, Case No. PU-2342-01-296.

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

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Trade Secret Protection for certain information filed by the North Dakota CLEC Coalition in Qwest Corporation's Interconnection/Wholesale Price Investigation, Case No. PU-2342-01-296.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-439-03-295  
Local Competition  
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice Of Investigation, Request For Intervention, and Request For Information in the Public Service Commission's Local Competition Investigation, Case No. PU-439-03-295.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-439-03-309  
Qwest Performance Assurance Plan  
Investigation  
Notice of Review

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of 6-Month Review in Case No. PU-439-03-309, Public Service Commission's Investigation into Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Postponement of the hearing in Qwest Corporation's Interconnection/Wholesale Price Investigation, Case No. PU-2342-01-296.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-292  
Northern States Power Company  
June 2003  
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for June 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-292.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-313  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc  
July 2003  
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-313.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-316  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc  
July 2003  
Purchased Gas Adj. Natural Gas

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Purchased Gas Adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-316.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-402-03-317  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
June 2003  
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s purchased gas adjustment for June 2003, Case No. PU-402-03-317.

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

Case No. PU-439-02-652  
Electric Master Metering  
Rulemaking

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close Case No. PU-439-02-652.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.  
Roll Call: Mrs. Wefald votes "Aye".  
Mr. Reinbold votes "Aye".  
Mr. Clark votes "Nay".

Case No. PU-399-03-274  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc  
June 2003  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for June 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-274.

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

Case No. PU-400-03-294  
Northern States Power Company  
June 2003  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for June 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-294.

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

Case No. PU-2745-03-173  
Midcontinent Communications/Qwest  
Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2745-03-173, Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

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

Case No. PU-2859-03-174  
Midcontinent Communications/McLeod  
USA  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and McLeodUSA for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2859-03-174, Midcontinent Communications/McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., Interconnection Agreement, Application.

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

Case No. PU-2630-03-177  
U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill U.S. Link, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2630-03-177, U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

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

Case No. PU-2864-03-183  
Extend America, Inc./Qwest  
Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Extend America, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2864-03-183, Extend America, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2057-03-195  
McLeod USA Telecommunications  
Services Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill McLeodUSA and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2057-03-195, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2057-03-202  
McLeod USA Telecommunications  
Services Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill McLeodUSA and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2057-03-202, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2057-03-205  
McLeod USA Telecommunications  
Services Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill McLeodUSA and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2057-03-205, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2867-03-212  
Commnet Wireless Inc./Qwest  
Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill Commnet Wireless Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2867-03-212, Commnet Wireless Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2869-03-234  
WTC Competitive Services, Inc./Qwest  
Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill WTC Competitive Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2869-03-234, WTC Competitive Services, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2528-03-244  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Reservation  
Telephone Cooperative  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Reservation Telephone Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2528-03-244, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2686-03-245  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Polar  
Telecommunications, Inc.  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Polar Telecommunications, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2686-03-245, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Polar Telecommunications, Inc., Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2685-03-246  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Polar  
Communications Mutual Aid  
Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2685-03-246, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2871-03-247  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Consolidated  
Telcom  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Consolidated Telcom for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2871-03-247, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Consolidated Telcom, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2551-03-248  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Inter-  
Community Telephone Co., LLC  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2551-03-248, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C., Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2536-03-249  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./BEK  
Communications Cooperative  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and BEK Communications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2536-03-249, WWC Holding Co., Inc./BEK Communications Cooperative, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2544-03-250  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./Northwest  
Communications Cooperative  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and Northwest Communications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2544-03-250, WWC Holding Co., Inc./Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2872-03-251  
WWC Holding Co., Inc./SRT  
Communications, Inc.  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and SRT Communications, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2872-03-251, WWC Holding Co., Inc./SRT Communications, Inc., Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2579-03-252  
WWC Holding Co./West River  
Telecommunications Cooperative  
Interconnection Agreement  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill WWC Holding Co., Inc. and West River Telecommunications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2579-03-252, WWC Holding Co., Inc./West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2873-03-253  
Polar Telcom, Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill Polar Telcom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2873-03-253, Polar Telcom, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



Case No. PU-2271-03-257  
Sprint Communications Company  
L.P./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill Sprint Communications Co. LP and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-03-257, Sprint Communications Co. LP/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2630-03-264  
U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill U.S. Link, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2630-03-264, U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-296  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application  
Suspend

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission suspend Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s rates filed with its Electric Rate Increase application in Case No. PU-399-03-296.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-296  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application  
Staff Assignments

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission appoint Bill Binek and Mike Diller as advocacy staff and Patrick Fahn and Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco as advisory staff in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Electric Rate Increase application in Case No. PU-399-03-296.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-296  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application  
Appoint Hearing Officer

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission appoint a procedural hearing officer from the Office of Administrative Hearings Office.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Performance Bonuses

Mrs. Wefald: As provided for by N.D.C.C. 54-06-30 and Commission Policy 3-14-02 (0), I move that the Commission present the following employees with \$1,000 performance bonuses for exemplary performance and/or outstanding work on special projects:

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| Lori Anderson | Pat Fahn      |
| Shelly Bauske | Gloria Geiger |
| Bill Binek    | Kevin Hanson  |
| Bill Dodd     | J. P. Robbins |
| Tim Erdmann   |               |

Performance Bonuses Cont.

I further move that the Commission commend all its employees for the work that they do. They truly are an exceptional work force that allows the Commission to do an extraordinary amount of quality work in a very customer-friendly, efficient, timely, and cost-effective manner.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:00 NOON.

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Executive Secretary

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TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT