

July 16, 2003

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on July 16, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Reinbold, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Reinbold: I move the minutes of July 2, 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:

N A R U C	6,844.00
William E. Dodd	89.92
Timothy A. Erdmann	865.75
ND Newspaper Association	1,441.34
Cole Papers, Inc.	919.00
Richard Fillbrandt	417.20
JP Robbins	654.38
LTM Business Concepts, Inc.	28.42
William Eide	730.09
Advanced Business Methods	120.47
Kelly Services, Inc.	853.22
FedEx	9.27
ND Clipping Service	267.00
Phyllis G. Richter	391.86
Commission for Continuing Legal Ed.	30.00
UniqueScreen Media	1,162.50
Wayne Grangaard	870.68
Larson Grain Company	100.00
GeoServ, Inc.	2,302.50
Quality Construction, Inc.	8,447.87
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	20,878.20
MVTL Laboratories, Inc.	455.00
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	69,039.75
GeoServ, Inc.	1,218.00
Central Personnel Division	75.00
Facility Management	1,030.83
Insurance Department	704.96
Central Services – Printing	304.79
Central Services – Supplies	134.83
Information Technology Department	1,642.27
Industrial Commission	425.00
Information Technology Department	2,086.84
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco	240.20
Ben Johnson Associates, Inc.	3,894.70

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2891-03-387
National Access Long Distance, Inc.
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to National Access Long Distance, Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2891-03-387.

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

Case No. PU-2892-03-388
Business Network Long Distance, Inc.
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Business Network Long Distance, Inc. to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2892-03-388.

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

Case No. PU-2895-03-392
Public Communications Services, Inc.
Inmate Service Provider
Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Public Communications Services, Inc. to provide inmate services in North Dakota, Case No. PU- 2895-03-392.

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

Case No. PU-399-03-336
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Darren J. Haugen, Mandan, 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 Darren J. Haugen for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-399-03-336.

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

Case No. PU-399-03-337
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Jim R. Barrett, Mandan, 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 Jim R. Barrett for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-399-03-337.

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

Case No. PU-399-03-338
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Julie Prescott, Mandan, 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 Julie Prescott for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-399-03-338.

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

Case No. AU-896-03-285
Janet Wanzek - Auctioneer License
Suspension / Revocation
Reinstate License

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-896-03-285 reinstating auctioneer license number 610 of Janet Wanzek, Fargo, North Dakota. Bond requirements have now been met.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-896-03-394
Carl Schwab - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Carl Schwab of Andover, South Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-439-03-385
vs Edward F & Kathleen A Walton dba
Walton Ag Svc
Complaint

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission find the Complaint in Case No. GE-439-03-385, Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Edward F. & Kathleen A. Walton, doing business as Walton Ag Services, Respondent, sufficient and serve it on the party.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Railroad Competition Act of 2003
Support

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission urge North Dakota's congressional delegation to support the Railroad Competition Act of 2003.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-376
Northern States Power Company
July 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment

Mr. Reinbold: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-376.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-296
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
Electric Rate Increase
Application
Notice of Hearing and Notice of Public
Input

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing, and Notice of Public Input Sessions in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Electric Rate Increase Application, Case No. PU-399-03-296.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2805-03-350
Otter Tail Corporation
July 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Case No. PU-2805-03-350, Otter Tail Corporation's Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment for July 2003.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-399-03-355
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc
July 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-355.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-03-377
Northern States Power Company
July 2003
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for July 2003, Case No. PU-400-03-377.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-822-03-151
BNI Coal, Ltd
Renewal No. 4, Permit BNCR-8106
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BNCR-8106, held by BNI Coal Ltd. for the Center Mine, to extend the permit term another five years, until July 18, 2008.

Mr. Reinbold: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation, US Link, Inc., VAL-ED Joint Venture, LLP d/b/a 702 Communications, McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc. and IdeaOne Telecommunications, Inc. 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-439-03-295
Local Competition
Investigation
Valuation Billing

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-439-03-295, Public Service Commission, Local Competition, Investigation.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:20 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT