

February 8, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of January 25, 2006, be approved.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

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

FedEx	33.52
ND Newspaper Association	489.85
Leo D. Praus	388.69
Wayne Grangaard	552.30
Phyllis Richter	758.57
JP Robbins	373.80
Bill Eide	133.14
Guy Welch	15.00
William E. Dodd	173.24
Stephan A. Schroeder	99.96
Timothy Erdmann	893.79
Susan Richter	432.93
Rick Fillbrandt	406.96
David Bickel	7.50
Larry L. Larson	22.50
Nirander M. Safaya	139.50
Patrick Fahn	25.00
Bruce Johnson	22.50
Regional Oversight Committee	130.00
Bruce Beechie	173.24
Office of Administrative Hearings	1,305.00
ITD – 1/06 phone chgs	1,882.68
OMB – 1/06 postage	659.20
OMB – 1/06 supplies	107.17

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-42
Gerry Alfred Vangsness
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Gerry Alfred Vangsness, Walcott, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RR-06-25
Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc.
Rail Line Transfer
Compliance

Mr. Cramer: I move that the Commission close its investigation into the proposed lease of 48.38 miles of North Dakota rail line between Grafton, North Dakota and Walhalla, North Dakota and 21.41 miles of rail line between Grafton, North Dakota and Glasston, North Dakota from BNSF Railway Company to Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc. without taking an official position on the proposal before the federal Surface Transportation Board.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-45
Level 3 Communications, LLC
Interconnection Arbitration
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission admit attorneys Rebecca B. Cook, Erik J. Cecil, Victoria Mandell, and Richard E. Thayer to practice before the Commission in Case No. PU-06-45; Level 3 Communications, LLC, Interconnection Arbitration Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-41
Otter Tail Corporation
Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider
Tariff
Suspend

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Otter Tail Corporation's Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider tariff, Case No. PU-06-41.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission close the Public Service Commission's Local Competition Investigation, Case No. PU-439-03-295.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-165
DIECA Communications, Inc.
Interconnection Arbitration
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Case No. PU-05-165, DIECA Communications, Inc.'s Interconnection Arbitration application.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-492
Numbering Issues
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge its response to NeuStar Number Pooling Services that KMC Telecom V-ND is returning a block of numbers assigned in the Fargo, ND 212 calling prefix.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-47
North Star Bean, L.L.C.
License No. 1107 - Buffalo, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-47 granting the request of North Star Bean, L.L.C., Larimore, North Dakota, to discontinue business at Buffalo, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-43
Otter Tail Corporation
February 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Items Only

Case No. PU-06-44
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
February 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-48
Northern States Power Company
February 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-46
Northern States Power Company
February 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for February 2006, Case No. PU-06-46.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-50
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
February 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for February 2006, Case No. PU-06-50.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT