

February 22, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 22, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of February 8, 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:

Bruce Beechie	635.20
Executive Air Taxi Corporation	1,935.00
Kevin Cramer	1,299.89
ITD – 1/06 dp fee	3,792.20
DOT – 1/06	8,350.10
Elan	5,024.20

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-39
North Dakota Telephone Company
Exchange and Network Services
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve North Dakota Telephone Company's Exchange and Network Services tariff, Case No. PU-06-39.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-63
Chad Mickelson
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Chad Mickelson, Horace, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-64
Amundsen-Mickelson Auction Service
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Trent Amundsen and Chad Mickelson dba Amundsen-Mickelson Auction Service, Horace, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-60
Otter Tail Corporation
Controlled Service Changes
Tariff
Suspend

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Otter Tail Corporation's Controlled Service Changes tariff, Case No. PU-06-60.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-521
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
Natural Gas Service Tariff
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Natural Gas Service Tariff, Case No. PU-05-521.

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

Case No. PU-05-492
Numbering Issues
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting Integra Telecom's request for a block of 1000 numbers.

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

Case No. PU-06-58
Qwest Performance Assurance Plan
Investigation
Notices

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of 6-Month Review, Notice of Opportunity for Comment, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Case No. PU-06-58, Public Service Commission's Investigation into Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan.

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

Case No. AU-06-59
Mendenhall School of Auctioneering
Auction School - Archdale, NC
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-06-59 granting the request for certification to Mendenhall School of Auctioneering, located in Archdale, North Carolina, as an approved auction school as required by N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-08-01-01.

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

Case No. GE-05-659
Prairie States Cooperative Terminal
Facility-Based Grain Buyer - Williston,
ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-05-659 granting the request of Prairie States Cooperative Terminal, Williston, North Dakota, to discontinue business as a facility-based grain buyer at Williston, Epping, Watford City, Alamo, Zahl, and Grenora, North Dakota.

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

Case No. GE-05-660
Horizon Resources
Facility-Based Grain Buyer - Williston,
ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-05-660 granting the request of Horizon Resources, Williston, North Dakota, to operate as a facility-based grain buyer at Williston, Watford City, Alamo, Zahl, and Grenora, North Dakota.

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

Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Complaint
Continuance Order

Held Over

Case No. AM-05-557
Public Service Commission - AML Division
2006-2009 ND Reclamation Simplified
Grant
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission sign the 2006 – 2009 Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Simplified Grant Application for \$1,618,995 to fund all aspects of the State AML Program.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-576
Williams County Road 9
2006 Phase 1 Construction
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize procurement of construction services for the Williams County Road 9, Beulah/Zap Phase 10, and Columbus Phase 7 sites using competitive sealed bidding procedures.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-578
Beulah/Zap
2006 Phase 10 Construction
Project

Case No. AM-05-579
Columbus
2006 Phase 7 Construction
Project

Case No. PU-06-61
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
March 2006
Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Cost of Gas Adjustment for March 2006, Case No. PU-06-61.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-62
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
March 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2006, Case No. PU-06-62.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-05-196
Coteau Properties Company
Revision No. 24, Permit NACT-9101
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 24 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9101, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to revise the mining sequence across the northern portion of the permit area, modify reclamation plans, and update other sections of the permit.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT