

April 26, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 26, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of April 12, 2006, be approved.

Mrs. Wefald: 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:

ND Newspaper Association	552.10
National Assoc. of AML Programs	200.00
Alltel	279.52
Kevin Cramer	166.60
Susan Wefald	11.70
ND Geological Survey	858.62
DOT	9,878.68
ITD – 3/06 ph chgs	1,361.16
ITD – 3/06 dp fee	2,768.64

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-169
Mark Hove
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Mark Hove, Sisseton, South Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-97
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
BNSF Railroad - Williston, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: 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 BNSF Railroad for a railroad crossing site near Williston, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-97.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-111
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Steve Stockert, Mandan, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: 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 Steve Stockert for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-111.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification/
Recertification
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the blaster certification/recertification of the following applicants:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Certificate No.</u>
Brenden Brinkman	Falkirk Mine	06-04-282
Curtis R. Eng	Falkirk Mine	06-04-283
<u>Recertification</u>		
Gene Walch	Falkirk Mine	85-10-051-R(7)
Michael F. Hilbert	Falkirk Mine	85-12-075-R(7)
John D. Comford	Falkirk Mine	89-11-160-R(4)
Gregory Salaj	Falkirk Mine	89-11-163-R(3)
Dennis L. Johnson	Falkirk Mine	03-04-264-R(1)

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-451
Midcontinent Communications/ND
Telephone Co.
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company Rural Exemption Investigation, Case No. PU-05-451.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-451
Midcontinent Communications/ND
Telephone Co.
Rural Exemption
Investigation
Notice of Hearing

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission Issue a Notice of Further Hearing in Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company Rural Exemption Investigation, Case No. PU-05-451.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Thiem Drilling, Inc., 1502 West Broadway, Williston, North Dakota 58801 in the amount of \$354,550 for construction services at the Williams County Road 9 Phase 1 abandoned mine land site in Williams County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Material Testing Services, LLC, PO Box 634, Minot, North Dakota 58702 in the amount of \$12,050 for material testing services at the Williams County Road 9 Phase 1 abandoned mine land site in Williams County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-578
Beulah/Zap
2006 Phase 10 Construction
Project
Intent to Award Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Thiem Drilling, Inc., 1502 W. Broadway, Williston, ND 58801 in the amount of \$286,900 for construction services at the Beulah/Zap Phase X abandoned mine land site in Mercer County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-578
Beulah/Zap
2006 Phase 10 Construction
Project
Intent to Award Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Geoserv, Inc., 3100 E. Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 in the amount of \$15,000 for material testing services at the Beulah/Zap Phase X abandoned mine land site in Mercer County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-579
Columbus
2006 Phase 7 Construction
Project
Intent to Award Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Quality Construction, Inc., PO Box 287, Sawyer, North Dakota 58781 in the amount of \$259,800 for construction services at the Columbus Phase 7 abandoned mine land site in Burke County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-145
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
May 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 May 2006, Case No. PU-06-145.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-146
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
May 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for May 2006, Case No. PU-06-146.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Retirement Acknowledgements

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the retirements of Nirander Safaya and Kathy Fortney.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT