

May 10, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 10, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald and Cramer. Commissioner Clark joined the meeting by phone beginning with Case No. AM-05-576.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of April 26, 2006 and May 4, 2006 be approved.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Bills

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

Bill Eide	636.40
Phyllis G. Richter	782.44
JP Robbins	405.81
Wayne Grangaard	356.70
Alan Moch	225.72
Susan E. Wefald	415.80
Mike Diller	1,468.14
Timothy Erdmann	739.53
William E. Dodd	110.25
Bruce Beechie	102.75
Larry L. Larson	15.00
Mark Knell	162.91
Kevin Hanson	225.75
Larry Reisenauer	150.96
Rick Fillbrandt	396.68
Bruce A. Johnson	66.25
Stephan A. Schroeder	95.50
David Bickel	15.00
Guy Welch	25.08
Kevin Cramer	412.94
OMB – 4/06 postage	615.14
OMB – 4/06 supplies	130.59
DOT	10.87
HRMS – admin. Seminar	395.00
OMB – ups chgs	50.80
Office of Administrative Hearings	628.68
Elan	12,412.90

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-127  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
Murex Petroleum Corp., Tioga, 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 Murex Petroleum Corp. for a 3-phase 480 volt oil well site near Tioga, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-127.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-142  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
Modern Grain - Hebron, 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 Modern Grain for a grain bin site near Hebron, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-142.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-172  
Otter Tail Corporation  
Released Energy Tariff  
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Otter Tail Power Company's Released Energy Tariff, Case No. PU-06-172.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-05-341  
Gas Pipeline Safety  
Rulemaking

Mr. Cramer: Having been approved by the Attorney General, I move the Commission adopt the proposed amendment to the following Chapter of the North Dakota Administrative Code, and forward it to the Legislative Council for publication, Case Nos. GS-05-341.

Article 69-09 - Amendments to Gas Safety

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-191  
Technology Crops, Inc.  
Grain Warehouse - Fairmount, ND  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-191 granting the request of Technology Crops, Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to operate a 286,000-bushel grain warehouse at Fairmount, North Dakota, effective May 1, 2006.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-164  
Otter Tail Corporation  
May 2006  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Items Only

Case No. PU-06-165  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
May 2006  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-184  
Northern States Power Company  
May 2006  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission 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 abandoned mine land site.

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  
Award Contract

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

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission award a contract in the amount of \$286,900 to Thiem Drilling, Inc., 1502 W. Broadway, Williston, ND 58801, for construction services at the Beulah/Zap Phase 10 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  
Award Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission 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 10 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  
Award Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission 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-06-185  
Northern States Power Company  
May 2006  
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for May 2006, Case No. PU-06-185.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-192  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
May 2006  
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for May 2006, Case No. PU-06-192.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Modifications to the ND  
Public Service Commission  
Continuum of Government Plan

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission update the Continuum of Government Plan.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Commissioners Wefald and Cramer voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 2:00 P.M.

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Executive Secretary

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TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT