

June 7, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Sakakawea Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of May 24, 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:

C & L Backhoe Service	18,329.50
Rick Fillbrandt	375.64
Timothy Erdmann	741.32
Stephan Schroeder	81.44
Bruce A. Johnson	7.50
Larry L. Larson	15.00
Presort Plus	6.17
Guy Welch	22.50
David Bickel	18.81
Dean K. Moos	60.00
FedEx	13.62
Phyllis G. Richter	840.72
Bill Eide	745.62
Alan Moch	321.00
Sybase, Inc.	6,774.00
ND Newspaper Association	1,984.24
Larry Reisenauer	140.64
Mark Knell	175.64
Bruce Beechie	95.25
William E. Dodd	90.00
Orrin A. Holen Construction, Inc.	6,932.50
Wayne Grangaard	922.11
JP Robbins	435.60
Kevin Cramer	162.40
Thompson Hine LLP	266.01
OMB – 5/06 supplies	264.42
Office of Administrative Hearing	9.53
OMB – 5/06 postage	601.72
OMB – Risk Management	449.64

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2967-03-666
BEK Communications Cooperative, et al.
vs SmartNET, Inc.
Complaint

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an Order to Amend Complaint in BEK Communications Cooperative, et al. vs. SmartNET, Inc. Complaint, Case No. PU-2967-03-666.

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

Case No. AU-06-208
Levi Tibke
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Levi Tibke, Carson, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-06-220
David Rick Watson
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for David Rick Watson, Clinton, Missouri.

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

Case No. AU-06-221
David Rick Watson
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for David Rick Watson, Clinton, Missouri.

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

Case No. AU-06-222
Darren Joseph Ryba
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Darren Joseph Ryba, Devils Lake, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-06-223
Karen Lindsey
Auction Clerk License
Cancellation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-06-223 canceling auction clerk license number 251 issued to Karen Lindsey, Williston, North Dakota.

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

Case No. GE-06-215
Appert Acres, Inc.
Roving Grain Buyer - Hazelton, ND
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for Appert Acres, Inc., Hazelton, North Dakota.

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

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission grant the Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration filed by Midcontinent Communications, in Case No. PU-05-451; Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company Rural Exemption Investigation.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-225
Vandaele Seeds Ltd.
Roving Grain Buyer - Medora,
Manitoba, CN
Discontinue Business

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-225 granting the request of Vandaele Seeds, Ltd., Medora, Manitoba, Canada, to discontinue business as a North Dakota roving grain buyer, effective June 5, 2006.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-430
Otter Tail Corporation
PBR Plan Extension
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge Otter Tail Corporation's request to withdraw its application to extend PBR, Case No. PU-05-430.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-217
Northern States Power Company
Rental Property Billing - Electric
Tariff
Tariff Suspension

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Northern States Power Company's Electric Rental Property Billing tariff, Case No. PU-06-217.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-216
Northern States Power Company
Rental Property Billing - Gas
Tariff
Tariff Suspension

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Northern States Power Company's Gas Rental Property Billing tariff, Case No. PU-06-216.

Mr. Clark: 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 Order on Reconsideration Granting in Part and Denying in Part North Dakota Telephone Company's request for reconsideration of the Commission's 4-26-06 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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order 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-05-500
AML Maintenance
2005 Construction
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close-out Contract AM-517-05 with C&L Backhoe Service, Stanton, North Dakota for construction services on abandoned mine land sites in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-205
Otter Tail Corporation
June 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Items Only

Case No. PU-06-206
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Re
June 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-218
Northern States Power Company
June 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-219
Northern States Power Company
June 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for June 2006, Case No. PU-06-219.

Not specified: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Salary Adjustments

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission authorize a performance salary adjustment as identified in the Executive Secretary's 5 June 2006 supporting memorandum for each of the following positions effective June 1, 2006:

Position No.	Position No.
5002	4996
5014	5028
5012	4998

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5019

5004

5011

5009

5020

5018

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:30 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT