

September 6, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Harvest Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 6, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of August 23 and 25, 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:

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| Thiem Drilling, Inc. | 83,496.00 |
| Quality Construction, Inc. | 22,577.36 |
| ND Newspaper Association | 1,366.52 |
| ESRI | 3,500.00 |
| Anthony Clark | 763.49 |
| Alan Moch | 538.53 |
| Patrick Fahn | 1,002.50 |
| Phyllis G. Richter | 825.46 |
| Bill Eide | 650.78 |
| Leo D. Praus | 446.14 |
| Kevin Hanson | 516.70 |
| Guy Welch | 124.40 |
| David Bickel | 1,064.00 |
| Bruce Johnson | 989.00 |
| Timothy Erdmann | 135.00 |
| James Deutsch | 491.32 |
| William E. Dodd | 186.52 |
| Bruce Beechie | 132.50 |
| Stephan A. Schroeder | 91.14 |
| Mark Knell | 350.35 |
| Larry Reisenauer | 1,164.04 |
| JP Robbins | 669.13 |
| Leo Praus – September advance | 447.00 |
| Thiem Drilling, Inc. | 107,190.25 |
| OMB – risk mgmt premium | 2,974.99 |

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-371
Bob Penfield
Auctioneer License
Revocation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-06-371 revoking auctioneer license number 420 of Bob Penfield, Bowman, North Dakota, as of August 23, 2006, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-372
Bob or Winona Penfield dba Penfield
Auctions
Auction Clerk License
Revocation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-06-372 revoking auction clerk license number 270 of Bob or Winona Penfield dba Penfield Auctions, Bowman, North Dakota, as of August 23, 2006, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-381
Alphonse Fleck
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Alphonse Fleck, Mandan, Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-382
Darlene L. Flaig dba Kastet Auction
Clerking
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Darlene L. Flaig dba Kastet Auction Clerking, Ypsilanti, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-386
PKT Associates, Inc.
Roving Grain Buyer - Bloomingdale, NJ
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for PKT Associates, Inc., Bloomingdale, New Jersey, effective August 29, 2006.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-387
Keystone Grain, Ltd.
Roving Grain Buyer - Winkler, MB, CN
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Keystone Grain, Ltd., Winkler, Manitoba, Canada.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-388
Bob Penfield
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Bob Penfield, Bowman, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-389
Bob or Winona Penfield dba Penfield
Auctions
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Bob or Winona Penfield dba Penfield Auctions, Bowman, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-390
Bert L. Penfield
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Bert L. Penfield, Bowman, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-259
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Alvin Terry, Bismarck, 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 Alvin Terry for a residential site near Bismarck, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-259.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-274
Otter Tail Corporation
Jason Mewes, Colgate, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to Jason Mewes for a residential site near Colgate, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-274.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-275
Otter Tail Corporation
Glenn Christianson, Jamestown, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to Glenn Christianson for a residential site near Jamestown, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-275.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-294
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Jason Bloom, Taylor, 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 Jason Bloom for a residential site near Taylor, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-294.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-331
Otter Tail Corporation
SRT Communications, Inc. - Max, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to SRT Communications, Inc. for a cell tower site near Max, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-331.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-336
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Alltel Network, Ashley, 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 Alltel Network for a cell tower site near Ashley, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-336.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-337
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Joel Durham, Ellendale, 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 Joel Durham for a residential site near Ellendale, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-337.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-346
Otter Tail Corporation
Duane Poynter, Sawyer, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to Duane Poynter for a residential site near Sawyer, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-346.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-367
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
September 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Items Only

Case No. PU-06-377
Otter Tail Corporation
September 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-385
Northern States Power Company
September 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. RC-06-37
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 22, Permit NAFK-8405
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 22 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 held by the Falkirk Mining Company to add 489.0 acres to this permit for the Falkirk Mine and to update the appropriate sections of the permit to reflect the added area.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Offer of Employment

Mr. Cramer: I move that the Commission's minutes reflect that Bill Kalanek withdrew his acceptance of the offer to fill the Consumer Affairs and Public Outreach Specialist position; that an offer of employment was extended to Tom Rafferty to serve in that capacity starting September 13, 2006; and that Mr. Rafferty has accepted the offer.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Offer of Employment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission's minutes reflect that an offer of employment was extended to Michael Berg to serve as an Environmental Engineer III in the Reclamation Division starting September 18, 2006, and that he has accepted the offer.

I further move the Commission's minutes reflect that an offer of employment was extended to Melisa Toepke-Peterson to serve as an Environmental Scientist III in the Reclamation Division starting September 18, 2006, and that she has accepted the offer.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Director
Abandoned Mine Lands Division
Reclamation Division

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission appoint Jim Deutsch Director of the Abandoned Mine Lands Division effective September 1, 2006, recognize his new title, Director, Reclamation and Abandoned Mine Lands Divisions, and authorize a salary adjustment to reflect the appointment.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT