

September 20, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Sakakawea Room, Ground Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of September 6, 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:

IMCC	75.00
Regional Oversight Committee	380.00
Kelly Services, Inc.	41.76
Odney Advertising	11,125.52
ND Newspaper Association	1,921.37
GEOSERV, INC.	11,818.75
Alltel	332.56
Wayne Grangaard	519.50
William Binek	15.00
David Bickel	7.50
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	38,136.00
ITD – 8/06 micrographics	680.15
ITD – 8/06 dp	2,727.49
ITD – 8/06 telephone	2,508.06
Office of Administrative Hearings	2,019.33
OMB – 8/06 supplies	248.16
OMB – 8/06 postage	496.04
Elan	2,120.10

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-395
Qwest Corporation
Section 272 Biennial Audit
Investigation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close this proceeding

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-404
Marvin Michael Fisher
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Marvin Michael Fisher, Gadsden, Alabama.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-405
Cindy Fisher dba
The Redfield Group, Inc.
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Cindy Fisher dba The Redfield Group, Inc., Gadsden, Alabama.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-408
Jay Nitz
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Jay Nitz, Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-411
Daniel R. Reitzel
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Daniel R. Reitzel, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-06-412
Daniel R. Reitzel
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Daniel R. Reitzel, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-351
Otter Tail Corporation
Gerald Melvin, Buffalo, 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 Gerald Melvin for a residential site near Buffalo, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-351.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-357
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Troy Bommersbach, 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 Troy Bommersbach for a residential site near Ellendale, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-357.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-358
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Brad Nishek, 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 Brad Nishek for a residential site near Ellendale, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-358.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-362
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Cottonwood Lake Sportsmans Club,
Alamo, 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 Cottonwood Lake Sportsmans Club for a commercial site near Alamo, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-362.

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

Case No. PU-06-316
USF Use Certification 47CFR54.314
(2007)
Compliance

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order regarding universal service certification for rural eligible telecommunications carriers, Case No. PU-06-316.

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

Case No. GE-06-409
Fairdale Farmers Cooperative Elevator
Company
License No. 454 - Fairdale, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-409 granting the request of Fairdale Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. to discontinue business at Fairdale, North Dakota.

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

Case No. GE-06-410
CHS, Inc.
Facility-Based Grain Buyer - Fairdale,
ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-410 granting the request of CHS, Inc. to operate as a facility-based grain buyer at Fairdale, North Dakota.

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

Case No. PU-06-345
Midcontinent Communications/ND
Telephone Co.
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order Approving the stipulation filed by Midcontinent Communications and North Dakota Telephone Company in this proceeding.

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

Case No. PU-06-330
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Trenton to Beaver Lodge Pipeline -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a corridor certificate and route permit in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's application to construct the Trenton to Beaver Lodge Line Loop adjacent to and parallel to its existing crude oil pipeline in Williams County, Case No. PU-06-330.

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

Case No. PU-06-349
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Crude Oil Pump Stations-Moun, McHe,
Rams, GF Cty
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a corridor certificate and route permit in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's application to construct four pumping stations on its existing crude oil pipeline in Mountrail, McHenry, Ramsey and Grand Forks Counties, Case No. PU-06-349.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-392
Northern States Power Company
September 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for September 2006, Case No. PU-06-392.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-397
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
September 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for September 2006, Case No. PU-06-397.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-403
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
October 2006
Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission grant Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s request to waive its Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment tariff to the extent necessary to allow an out-of-cycle Surcharge Adjustment concerning the balance in the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Account and approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Cost of Gas Adjustment for October 2006, Case No. PU-06-403.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-06-398
2007 Federal/State Gas Pipeline
Safety
Grant Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission submit the 2007 Federal/State Gas Pipeline Safety Grant Application in the amount of \$82,818 to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety, Washington, D.C. for the operation and management of the 2007 North Dakota intrastate gas pipeline safety program.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Salary Adjustments

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission authorize performance and workload salary adjustments as identified in the Executive Secretary's September 14, 2006 supporting memorandum for each of the following positions effective October 1, 2006:

Position No.	Position No.
5017	5018
5019	5020
5024	5025
5026	5027

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Acting Executive Secretary Designation

Mr. Cramer: I move that Jim Deutsch be authorized to act as Executive Secretary during the September 2006 absence of the Executive Secretary and Bill Binek.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Hearing Room Sound System

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge staff's intent to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$37,502, under state procurement contract #29 parts A and B, to AVI, Inc. for the sound system in the Commission Hearing Room.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT