

October 25, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 25, 2006, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of October 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:

Alltel	284.02
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	13,689.05
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco	544.10
Sandi Scott	124.50
Patrick Fahn	571.50
Anthony Clark	568.12
Mike Diller	1,521.38
Tom Rafferty	474.99
ND Geological Survey	1,608.31
DOT	13,748.62
Leo Praus – approved 10/12/06 -	.00
\$522.00 corrected advance amount	
\$400.50	

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-06-449
Larry's Seed & Ag Supply Inc
Roving Grain Buyer - Keene, ND
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Larry's Seed & Ag Supply, Inc., Keene, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-135
Otter Tail Corporation
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Rates

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Otter Tail Corporation's Cogeneration/Small Power Producer Rates, Case No. PU-06-135.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-290
Federal 2005 Energy Policy Act
Standards
Investigation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission grant the petition to intervene filed by Imation Corp. in the Commission's investigation of whether to adopt certain energy policy standards under the federal Energy Policies Act of 2005, Case No. PU-06-290.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-375
Otter Tail Corporation
Energy & Environmental Research
Center, Carrington, 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 the Energy & Environmental Research Center for a site near Carrington, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-375.

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

Case No. PU-06-376
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Kyle Reisenauer, 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 Kyle Reisenauer for a residential site near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-376.

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

Case No. PU-06-439
Northern States Power Company
Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Northern States Power Company's Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider tariff, Case No. PU-06-439.

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

Case No. GE-06-445
Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc.
Amenia, ND - License No. 659
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-06-445 granting the request of Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc., West Fargo, North Dakota, to discontinue business at Amenia, North Dakota.

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

Case No. RR-06-347
STB Simplified Standards - NOPR
Misc. Case

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge the filing of comments to the Surface Transportation Board concerning Docket No. Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1), Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases.

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

Case No. PU-06-443
Tatanka Wind Power, LLC
230 kV Transmission Line/Dickey -
McIntosh Counties
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent, shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to one day, and assess a filing fee of \$36,500 in Case No. PU-06-443, Tatanka Wind Power LLC's proposed 230 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities in Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AM-04-509
AML Maintenance
2004 - 2007 Construction
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission award a contract to North Country Estate Fencing, P.O. Box 551, Bowman, North Dakota, 58623, in the amount of \$3217.50 for fencing at an abandoned mine land site in Adams County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-577
AML Maintenance
2006 Construction
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an intent to award a contract to Hanson's Excavating, Inc. of Des Lacs, ND in the amount of \$12,775.00 for sinkhole filling at several abandoned mine land sites in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2006 Abandoned Mine Land
Reclamation Award from OSM

Discussion Item Only

Consumer Affairs Contacts
Annual Report

Discussion Item Only

Case No. PU-06-421
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LLC
30-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline/Pembina to
Sargent Counties
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LLC's letter of intent to construct a 30-inch crude petroleum pipeline in Pembina, Cavalier, Walsh, Nelson, Steele, Barnes, Ransom, and Sargent Counties and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon filing of the application, Case No. Case No. PU-06-421.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-440
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
November 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for November 2006, Case No. PU-06-440.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-441
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
November 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 November 2006, Case No. PU-06-441.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-613-02-111
Knife River Corporation
Bond Release No. 4,
Permit KRGC-8101
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 4 for Surface Coal Mining Permit KRGC-8101, held by Knife River Corporation for the Gascoyne Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 274.2 acres located in portions of Sections 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35 T131N, R99W, Bowman County. The amount of the bond release is \$280,568.67 and it will become effective November 24, 2006, unless a formal hearing is requested.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Reclamation Award
2006 Award

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission present the 2006 State Reclamation Award to BNI Coal, Ltd. for outstanding reclamation work at the Center Mine.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Assistant Director Appointments

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the appointment of Dean Moos as Assistant Director of the Reclamation Division effective July 1, 2006 and the appointment of Bill Dodd as Assistant Director of the Abandoned Mine Lands Division effective November 1, 2006, and authorize the respective salary adjustments to reflect the appointments.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:30 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT