

December 6, 2006

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 6, 2006, 11:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of November 22, 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:

State Board of Law Examiners	780.00
NDSU – Restricted Fund Accounting	211.19
AVI Systems	13,674.00
William E. Dodd	90.73
Guy Welch	30.00
Stephan Schroeder	92.40
Larry Reisenauer	681.93
Bruce Beechie	745.93
Mark Knell	77.80
James Deutsch	186.30
Leo Praus	535.53
Bill Eide	450.94
Phyllis G. Richter	526.73
Tim Erdmann	315.87
Melisa Toepke-Peterson	112.93
JP Robbins	761.28
Wayne Grangaard	685.16
Material Testing Services, LLC	8,267.50
OMB – 07 SS Guide	17.34
OMB – 10/06 UPS	33.86
OMB – 11/06 postage	692.65
Springbok Services, Inc.	1,247.50
Springbok Services, Inc.	202.50
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	67,135.80
North Country Estate Fencing	3,537.50
Interiors By France	4,200.80

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-448
Otter Tail Corporation
SRT Communications, Inc.,
Underwood, 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 residential site near Underwood, North Dakota, Case No. PU-06-448.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-481
Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission appoint Bill Binek, Annette Bendish and Mike Diller as advocacy staff, and Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco and Jerry Lein as advisory staff in Otter Tail Corporation's Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Case No. PU-06-481.

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

Case No. PU-06-482
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission appoint Bill Binek, Annette Bendish and Mike Diller as advocacy staff, and Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco and Jerry Lein as advisory staff in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Case No. PU-06-482.

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

Case No. GS-06-469
North Dakota One-Call
CY2007 R079-08
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the North Dakota Public Service Commission submit the calendar year 2007 North Dakota One-Call Grant Application in the amount of \$50,000.

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

Case No. PU-06-419
SRT Communications, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application; and

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the applications of SRT Communications, Inc. for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide incumbent local exchange telecommunications service in the Velva, North Dakota exchange, Case Nos. PU-06-419 and PU-06-420.

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

Case No. PU-06-420
SRT Communications, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-05-238
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
2004 Electric Operations
Annual Report

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s 2004 Electric Operations Annual Report, Case No. PU-05-238.

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

Case No. PU-06-161
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
2005 Electric Operations
Annual Report

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s 2005 Electric Operations Annual Report, Case No. PU-06-161.

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

Case No. PU-06-393
Northern States Power Company
Transfer of Assets & Certificates/Balta
Station
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting the application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for transfer of certain transmission assets and for transfer of siting certificates previously issued to NSP for its Balta Switching Station located in Pierce County, North Dakota. Case No. PU-06-393.

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

Case No. PU-06-480
Sterling Companies
Master Meter Waiver
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting Sterling Companies' petition to master meter electric service, Case No. PU-06-480.

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

Case No. PU-06-494
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
December 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-06-502
Otter Tail Corporation
December 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-06-503
Northern States Power Company
December 2006
Fuel Cost Adjustment

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close-out Contract No. AM-532-06 with North Country Estates Fencing for the construction of a fence around an abandoned mine land reclamation site in Adams County.

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

Case No. AM-06-478
Public Service Commission - AML
Division
2007-2010 ND Reclamation Simplified
Grant
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission submit the 2007 - 2010 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining requesting \$1,667,340 in federal funds to administer the abandoned mine lands program.

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

Case No. PU-06-504
Northern States Power Company
December 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for December 2006, Case No. PU-06-504.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-06-456
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
Notice of Violation No. 0604
Violation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission assess a proposed penalty for Notice of Violation No. 0604 issued to Dakota Westmoreland Corporation at the Beulah Mine and schedule an informal conference in the matter.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-507
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
December 2006
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for December 2006, Case No. PU-06-507.

Not specified: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-380-95-377
United Power Association
230 kV Line Relocation
Benson/Ramsey Counties
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge United Power Association's final status report on the tree mitigation project and confirm that the results of the project comply with the Commission's order(s) in this proceeding.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2149-00-605
Great River Energy
230 kV Reroute
Ramsey/Benson Counties
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge Great River Energy's final status report on the tree mitigation project and confirm that the results of the project comply with the Commission's order(s) in this proceeding.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2149-01-463
Great River Energy
230 kV Reroute – McLean County
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge Great River Energy's final status report on the tree mitigation project and confirm that the results of the project comply with the Commission's order(s) in this proceeding.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:20 P.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT