

February 7, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of January 24 and 26, 2007 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:

ND Newspaper Association	286.69
Dell USA L.P.	5,995.00
Timothy Erdmann	947.01
Susan Richter	170.26
Bruce Johnson	193.00
Guy Welch	15.00
Melisa Toepke-Peterson	30.00
Bruce Beechie	30.00
Mark Knell	7.50
William E. Dodd	15.98
Stephan A. Schroeder	22.50
Rick Fillbrandt	599.78
Anthony T. Clark	179.22
James R. Deutsch	252.38
Tom Rafferty	20.00
Kevin Cramer	20.00
Leo D. Praus	702.02
JP Robbins	559.24
Bill Eide	399.92
Phyllis G. Richter	852.04
Wayne Grangaard	749.42
OMB – 1-07 supplies	328.67
OMB – 1-07 postage	1,036.80
OMB – 12-06 ups	32.08
ITD – 12-06 DP	3,052.24

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-470
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Minot Air Force Base Distribution
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the Minot Air Force Base Distribution Tariff filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Case No. PU-06-470.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-40
CLD Pacific Grain, LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Portland, OR
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for CLD Pacific Grain, LLC, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-07-45
Kari Herslip
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Kari Herslip, Minot, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-26
FPL Energy, LLC
Wind Farm - Cavalier County
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 \$100,000 in Case No. PU-07-26, FPL Energy, LLC's proposed 160 MW wind farm in Cavalier County, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-25
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
February 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only

Case No. PU-07-37
Otter Tail Corporation
February 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-52
Northern States Power Company
February 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. AM-06-271
AML Coal Fire Suppression
2006 Grant
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an Intent to Award a Contract to Hanson's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$8,594.00 for construction work at two or more coal outcrop fires in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-525
Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a contract for consultant services to Snavely King Marjoros O'Connor & Lee Inc. in Northern States Power Company's Natural Gas Rate Increase application, Case No. PU-06-525.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-491
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./
Great Plains Natural
Acquisition of Cascade Natural Gas
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Informal Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./Great Plains Natural Gas Co. Application, Case No. PU-06-491.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-49
Northern States Power Company
February 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for February 2007, Case No. PU-07-49.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-50
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
February 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas Adjustment for February 2007, Case No. PU-07-50.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-525
Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order authorizing interim natural gas rates in Northern States Power Company's Natural Gas Rate Increase application, Case No. PU-06-525.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-45
Level 3 Communications, LLC/
Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Arbitration
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in the Level 3 Communications, LLC and Qwest Corporation interconnection arbitration application, Case No. PU-06-45.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-27
Midcontinent Communications/
North Dakota Telephone
Interconnection Agreement
Amendment
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge the January 29th issuance of a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned application for approval of an interconnection agreement amendment negotiated between Midcontinent Communications and North Dakota Telephone Company, Case No. PU-07-27.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT