

April 4, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 4, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of March 21, 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:

IMCC	250.00
UND – Bureau of Governmental Affairs	70.50
ND Newspaper Association	1,646.93
Hanson's Excavating, Inc.	10,000.00
Mary C. Kennedy – refund	200.00
National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys	300.00
UND – Interactive Video Network	222.85
JP Robbins	675.07
Bill Eide	707.21
Phyllis G. Richter	669.53
Wayne Grangaard	947.61
Leo D. Praus	844.28
Alan Moch	262.80
Kevin Cramer	65.00
Rick Fillbrandt	721.25
Timothy Erdmann	508.44
William E. Dodd	27.50
Mark Knell	291.40
Bruce Beechie	111.30
Melisa Toepke-Peterson	22.50
Bruce Johnson	15.00
Guy Welch	22.50
Stephan A. Schroeder	83.80
OMB – 3/07 supplies	432.36
OAH – February and March 2007	1,181.14

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification\Recertification Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve blaster certification and recertification for the following applicants:

No.	Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
1.	Robert Ell Jr.	Beulah Mine	07-03-292
2.	David Czywczynski	Beulah Mine	07-03-293
3.	Eric Hausauer	Beulah Mine	07-03-294
4.	Michael Doll	Beulah Mine	07-03-295
5.	Tim Faut	Beulah Mine	07-03-296
6.	Shawn Stromme	Freedom Mine	07-03-297
7.	Curtis McLaughlin	Beulah Mine	04-11-274-R(1)

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-07-117
John Russell Carlson
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for John Russell Carlson, Stanchfield, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order denying the proposed Windsorce tariff rider filed by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, Case No. PU-06-439.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-26
Langdon Wind, LLC
Wind Farm - Cavalier County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in Langdon Wind, LLC's application for a certificate of site compatibility to construct a proposed 160 MW wind farm in Cavalier County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-26.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-114
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Annual Margin Sharing Adjustment
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Annual Margin Sharing Adjustment, Case No. PU-07-114.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-113
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
April 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only

Case No. PU-07-120
Otter Tail Corporation
April 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only Continued

Case No. PU-07-126
Northern States Power Company
April 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

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 First Supplemental Order granting the pipeline route near the abandoned mine in Section 4 of Pherrin Township, Case No. PU-06-330, Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's 10-inch crude petroleum pipeline in Williams, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-124
Northern States Power Company
April 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for April 2007, Case No. PU-07-124.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-405-00-104
Absaraka Co-op Tele. Co.
Case No. PU-1680-99-491
BEK Communications I Inc.
Case No. PU-418-99-490
BEK Communications Cooperative
Case No. PU-2013-99-496
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
Case No. PU-419-99-504
Consolidated Telephone Co-operative
Case No. PU-1683-99-502
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
Case No. PU-1682-99-495
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
Case No. PU-1576-99-500
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Case No. PU-421-99-501
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Case No. PU-449-99-499
Inter-Community Telephone
Case No. PU-1685-99-498
Inter-Community Telephone II, L.L.C.

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Close Proceeding and Request for Comments in its review of the intraLATA switched-access filings, Case No PU-99-490 et al.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-1264-99-497
North Dakota Telephone Co.
Case No. PU-425-99-503
Northwest Communications
Cooperative
Case No. PU-426-99-481
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
Case No. PU-427-99-492
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Case No. PU-1686-99-494
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
Case No. PU-431-99-493
United Telephone Mut Aid Corp.
Case No. PU-1540-99-473
West River Communications, Inc.
Case No. PU-432-99-472
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Access
Tariff

Notice of Intent to Close Proceeding and Request for
Comments Continued

Case No. PU-05-492
Numbering Issues
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge its response to NeuStar Numbering Pooling Services that Level 3 Comm – ND will return a block of numbers assigned in the Jamestown ND 251 calling prefix, Case No. PU-05-492.

Mr. Cramer: 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 acknowledge Level 3 Communications, LLC's Notice of Withdrawal of its Petition for Arbitration with Qwest Corporation, Case No. PU-06-45.

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

Case No. GE-07-118
Maple River Grain & Agronomy, LLC
Changing Business Hours
Approval

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-118 granting the request of Maple River Grain & Agronomy, LLC, Casselton, North Dakota, to modify the business hours at its public warehouse in Chaffee, North Dakota, on a permanent basis. The facility will be open full time from October 1 – October 21 and on an as needed basis by appointment only for the remainder of the year.

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

Case No. GE-07-119
Woodworth Farmers Grain Co.
Buchanan, ND - License #998
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-119 granting the request of Woodworth Farmers Grain Co. to discontinue business at Buchanan, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-121
City Elevator, Inc.
Temporary Warehouse Closure,
Williston ND
Approval

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-121 granting the request of City Elevator, Inc. to temporarily close its Williston, North Dakota warehouse until further notice.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-122
Golden Plains Ag
Crosby, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-122 granting the request of Golden Plains Ag to discontinue business at Crosby and Noonan, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-123
New Century Ag
Grain Warehouse
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-123 granting the request of New Century Ag, Fortuna, North Dakota, to operate a 557,000-bushel grain warehouse at Crosby, North Dakota and a 255,000-bushel grain warehouse at Noonan.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-129
Public Service Commission
FERC EL07-44 Dakota Wind Harvest
v MDU, et al
Intervention

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission move to Intervene Out of Time in FERC Docket No. EL07-44, Dakota Wind Harvest LLC vs. MDU, et al, Case No. PU-07-129.

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 authorize change orders which increase the amount of Contract No. AM-533-06, but not to exceed a total amount \$20,000.00, for sinkhole filling at several abandoned mine land sites in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT