

May 31, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 31, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald and Clark. Commissioner Cramer participated by phone and authorized his administrative assistant to sign the orders on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of May 16, 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:

Bremen Elevator Company	112.50
Arrow Advertising	2,801.73
MARC	1,600.00
FedEx	13.97
ND Newspaper Association	381.64
Alltel	280.26
Rick Fillbrandt	559.75
Jerry Lein	145.29
Bill Eide	81.34
James Deutsch	642.40
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	18,800.00
Melisa Toepke-Peterson	22.50
Leo Praus	447.00
Kevin Cramer	7.50
Stephan A. Schroeder	76.30
Energy Services Group LLC	136.00
Office of Administrative Hearings	3,000.48
GE Corporate Payment Services	10,855.81

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-171  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
Verizon Wireless, New Salem, 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 Verizon Wireless for a cell tower site near New Salem, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-171.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-176  
Otter Tail Corporation  
Jon Adams, Wahpeton, 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 Power Company to extend service for a residence near Wahpeton, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-176.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-07-206  
Diane Haugland  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Diane Haugland, Ambrose, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-415  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU  
Fuel Clause Rate 58  
Tariff

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving tariff revisions filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to its Fuel Clause Rate 58, Case No. PU-06-415.

Mr. Clark: 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 adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing a certificate of site compatibility to Langdon Wind, LLC for its proposed 160 MW Langdon Wind Energy Center in Cavalier County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-26.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-492  
Numbering Issues  
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge its response to NeuStar Numbering Pooling Services that Verizon Wireless – ND has activated a block of numbers assigned in the Fargo ND 219 calling prefix, Case No PU-05-492.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-188  
Superior Grains, Inc.  
Williston, ND - License No. 1149  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-188 granting the request of Superior Grains, Inc., Crosby, North Dakota, to discontinue business at Williston, North Dakota, effective June 1, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-204  
City Elevator, Inc.  
License No. 1005 - Williston, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-204 granting the request of City Elevator, Inc. to discontinue business at Williston, North Dakota, effective May 24, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Weights and Measures  
Voluntary Incentive Resignation Plan

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission approve the voluntary incentive resignation plan following provisions of N.D.C.C. §54-14-04.3 and as outlined in letters sent by the Acting Executive Director to weights and measures inspectors, and acknowledge the letters sent or delivered to weights and measures inspectors Bill Eide, Phyllis Richter, JP Robbins, Wayne Grangaard and Leo Praus on May 21, 2007 containing voluntary incentive resignation offers.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Weights and Measures Inspector  
Resignation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission accept the resignation of Bill Eide under the terms of the Commission's voluntary incentive resignation offer as outlined in the May 21, 2007 letter presented to him. I further move that the Acting Executive Director send a letter to Mr. Eide advising him that he may rescind his acceptance of the Commission's offer within seven days of this date.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-400  
Midcontinent Communications/  
Consolidated Telcom  
Rural Exemption  
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and Consolidated Telcom for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-06-400, Midcontinent Communications/Consolidated Telcom, Rural Exemption, Investigation.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission bill Otter Tail Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-06-481, Otter Tail Corporation, Advance Determination of Prudence, Application.

Mr. Cramer: 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. Clark: I move the Commission bill Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-06-482, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Determination of Prudence, Application.

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. Clark: I move the Commission bill Northern States Power Company for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-06-525, Northern States Power Company, Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Reclamation Division  
Environmental Scientist III  
Resignation

Mr. Clark: I move that the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Melisa Toepke-Peterson effective June 8, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:20 A.M.

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Executive Director

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SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT