

June 27, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 27, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of June 13, 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:

Fireside Office Solutions	2,499.00
Brown & Saenger	1,203.08
Brown & Saenger	5,008.15
Brown & Saenger	716.60
Newman Outdoor Advertising	9,425.00
Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc.	5,275.00
Radey Thomas Yon Clark	10,273.61
Liberty Consulting Group	244.51
Alltel	270.39
ND Newspaper Association	151.40
Geray Dozing & Excavating	38,574.69
Annette Bendish	15.00
William Binek	7.50
Susan Wefald	791.36
Kevin Cramer	7.50
City of Watford City	20.00
NARUC –NRRI Dues	3,361.25
Anthony Clark	727.76
Secretary of State of North Dakota	25.00
William Eide	149.33
DOT – 5-07	13,343.46
OMB – training	33.50
Office of Administrative Hearings	952.51
OMB – training	13.50
NDPERS	271.38
OMB – SWICAP	4,560.00
GE Corporate Payment Services	9,141.17

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-200
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
City of Hettinger - Airport
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 the City of Hettinger Airport, Hettinger, North Dakota, at a location in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 11, Township 129N, Range 96W, Adams County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-200.

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 approve the compliance tariffs filed in compliance with the Commission's order 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-07-191
Terra Utilities Co.
Public Heating Utility
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the request of Terra Utilities Co. to withdraw its petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, Case No. PU-07-191.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-184
Dakota Gasification Company
CO2 Pipeline
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in Case No. PU-07-184.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-268
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
July 2007
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 July 2007, Case No. PU-07-268.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-07-67
Coteau Properties Company
Revision 26, Permit NACT-9101
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 26 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9101, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to add 159.5725 acres to the permit and update legal and premine resource information and mining and reclamation plans for the next five year permit term.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-07-68
Coteau Properties Company
Renewal 3, Permit NACT-9101
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 3 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9101, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until June 30, 2012.

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

Case No. PU-07-270
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
US BioEnergy, Hankinson, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for approval of a natural gas transportation service agreement to extend natural gas service to U.S. BioEnergy for an ethanol production facility under construction near Hankinson, ND, Case No. PU-07-270.

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

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

Moved to the Admin Agenda

Case No. PU-07-152
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP
Keystone Pipeline
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in the application of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-07-152.

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

Case No. GE-07-99
Minnesota Grain, Inc.
Grain Warehouse
Insolvency

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission recommend to the Court that the bond proceeds available in this case be distributed among five (5) claimants based upon their valid cash sale balance claims, and that proceeds from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund be distributed among four (4) claimants based upon their valid credit-sale contract claims, and that payments be forwarded to these claimants as soon as possible.

I further move that the Commission request that the Court require the surety, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford Plaza, 690 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06115, to deposit the total bond proceeds in the amount of \$100,000 in this proceeding.

Mrs. Wefald: 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 bill Otter Tail Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-06-481, Otter Tail Corporation, Advance Determination of Prudence, Application.

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 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. 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 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. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Salary Adjustments

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission, consistent with the intent of the 2007 Legislature, adopt the Human Resources Management Services Equity Pool Model Plan, with the exception noted in the Executive Director's e-mail correspondence of 16 June 2007 and 9 May 2007, authorizing equity pool salary adjustments effective 1 July 2007.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an Order Denying the request of the Dakota Resource Council to postpone hearings or to postpone the Commission's approval of the Applications in TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LLC 30-inch Crude Oil Pipeline/Cavalier to Sargent Counties, Case No. PU-06-421.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:50 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT