

September 4, 2007

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

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of August 22 and 31, 2007, be approved.

Mrs. Wefald: 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	1,796.09
Liberty Consulting Group	1,455.42
Troy's Repair	48.00
Cyrus Hartman & Great Plains National Bank	12,203.14
Madler Brothers	18,837.63
Randall Christianson & American Bank Center	12,050.43
Tom & Eileen Powell	67,223.75
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	159,204.00
Kevin Hanson	1,455.22
Alan Moch	211.40
Rick Fillbrandt	193.23
Timothy Erdmann	45.00
Leo Praus	847.27
GE Corporate Payment Services	3,386.48

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-616
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
Ministerial Wording Changes
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend the filing by Great Plains Natural Gas Co. of ministerial wording changes to its Gas Rate Schedule, Case No. PU-07-616.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-618
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Ministerial Wording Changes
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend the filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. of ministerial wording changes to its Gas Rate Schedule, Case No. PU-07-618.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Held Over

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

Case No. PU-06-278
Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. vs.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co/
Promontory Point III
Complaint

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Case No. PU-06-278, Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./Promontory Point III.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-425
Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./
Sonnet Heights
Complaint

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Case No. PU-07-425 Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./Sonnet Heights.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-503
Otter Tail Corporation
Spirit Ethanol - Spiritwood, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Case No. PU-07-503 Spirit Ethanol – Spiritwood, ND Public Convenience and Necessity.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wefald votes "Aye".

Mr. Cramer votes "Aye".

Mr. Clark votes "Nay".

Case No. PU-07-619
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
September 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only

Case No. PU-07-636
Otter Tail Corporation
September 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. RC-06-526
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 23, Permit NAFK-8405
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 23 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-8405 held by the Falkirk Mining Company to add 5022.9 acres to this permit, incorporate baseline information for the added area, and revise operations and reclamation plans for mining in this area.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Public Utility Analyst Resignation

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Annette Bendish effective September 7, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:05 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT