

September 19, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 19, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of September 4 and 11, 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:

Geray Dozing & Excavating	17,896.80
Material Testing Services, LLC	6,882.50
Sybase	2,600.00
Dell USA	401.90
ND Newspaper Association	153.49
Alltel	612.71
James Deutsch	490.72
Susan Wefald	15.00
JP Robbins	860.31
Wayne Grangaard	365.63
Phyllis G. Richter	769.51
Stephan A. Schroeder	35.00
Tim Oswald	1,037.39
Mark Knell	424.31
Bruce Beechie	35.00
William Dodd	273.31
Guy Welch	55.00
Kraig Nelson	243.01
Larry Reisenauer	716.58
Bruce Johnson	30.88
ND Surplus Property	350.00
OMB – 8/07 supplies	278.56
OMB – 8/07 postage	979.62
ITD – 8/07 ph chgs	1,886.57
ITD – 8/07 microfilm	292.25
ITD – 8/07 dp chgs	3,557.74
DOT	15,146.40
Thiem Drilling	52,196.57

Mr. Clark: 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 approve the tariff filed by Great Plains Natural Gas Co. making ministerial wording changes to its Gas Rate Schedule, Case No. PU-07-616.

Mr. Clark: 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 approve the tariff filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. making ministerial wording changes to its Gas Rate Schedule, Case No. PU-07-618.

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

Case No. AU-07-654  
Jay Nitz  
Auctioneer License  
Revocation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-07-654 revoking auctioneer license number 841 issued to Jay Nitz of Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska, effective September 1, 2007, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

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

Case No. AU-07-655  
John K. McDowell  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for John K. McDowell, West Fargo, North Dakota.

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

Case No. GE-07-644  
Great Northern Ag  
Roving Grain Buyer - Plaza, ND  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Great Northern Ag, Plaza, North Dakota.

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

Case No. GE-07-659  
Inter-Marketing, Inc.  
Roving Grain Buyer - Miles City, MT  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Inter-Marketing, Inc., Miles City, Montana.

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

Case No. AU-07-676  
Melanie Jane Zimbelman dba  
Zimbelman's Gifts  
Auction Clerk  
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Melanie Jane Zimbelman dba Zimbelman's Gifts, Granville, North Dakota.

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

Case No. PU-07-657  
Northern States Power Company  
September 2007  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only

Case No. AM-07-610  
AML Maintenance  
2007 Construction  
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission award a contract to Gary Morlock Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$60,286.00 for construction services at the Havelock abandoned mine land site in Hettinger County.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-671  
Basin Electric Power Coop Inc.  
230kV Transmission Line –  
Williams 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-07-671, Basin Electric Power Cooperative's proposed Williston-Tioga 230 kV Electric Transmission line in Williams County, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-643  
Northern States Power Company  
September 2007  
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for September 2007, Case No. PU-07-643.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-651  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
October 2007  
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for October 2007, Case No. PU-07-651.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-652  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
October 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 October 2007, Case No. PU-07-652.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Reclamation Award  
2007 Award

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission present the 2007 State Reclamation Award to the Falkirk Mining Company for outstanding work at the Falkirk Mine.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-600  
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC  
Crude Oil Pipeline Reroute - Williams  
County  
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a corridor certificate and route permit in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's application to reroute in Williams County approximately 1600 feet of the 8-inch crude petroleum pipeline existing in Williams and McKenzie County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-600.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-244  
USF Use Certification 47 CFR54.314  
(2008)  
Compliance

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order regarding universal service certification for rural eligible telecommunications carriers, Case No. PU-07-244.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Public Utility Analyst Revised  
Resignation Date

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Annette Bendish with a revised effective date of September 14, 2007, and unpaid leave from September 10, 2007 to September 14, 2007, as requested in her September 12, 2007 memo.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Environmental Scientist III -  
Reclamation Division  
New Hire

Mrs. Wefald: I move that William Gunnerson be hired to fill PSC Position No. 5021, an Environmental Scientist III position in the Reclamation Division, effective November 1, 2007 with terms as set forth in the September 7, 2007 offer of employment.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:05 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT