

October 24, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 24, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald and Clark. Commissioner Cramer participated by phone and authorized the Executive Director to sign the notices and orders on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of October 3 and 12, 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:

Vaisala	605.93
ND Newspaper Association	806.77
Gary Morlock Construction	64,466.15
Alltel	292.77
Larry Reisenauer	253.09
Kevin Hanson	731.45
Phyllis G. Richter	579.97
Wayne Grangaard	721.50
Rice Lake Weighing Systems	809.65
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco	627.43
Leo D. Praus	600.00
ITD – 9/07 microfilm	700.45
OMB – 9/07 central supply	165.43
OMB – 9/07 central duplicating	1.69
OMB – 9/07 postage	870.80
DOT – 9/07	16,539.59
Office of Administrative Hearings	9,982.28
ITD – 9/07 dp	4,253.80
OMB – FY08 workers comp	3,531.42
ITD – 9/07 ph chgs	1,786.60

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-503.
Otter Tail Corporation
Spirit Ethanol - Spiritwood, 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 Corporation to extend electric service to Spirit Ethanol LLC at a location in Stutsman County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-503.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-663
 Otter Tail Corporation
 Dennis Radermacher, Casselton, 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 Corporation to extend electric service to Dennis Radermacher for grain bins near the town of Casselton in Cass County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-663.

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

Case No. PU-07-664
 Otter Tail Corporation
 Tom Roden, Casselton 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 Corporation to extend electric service to Tom Roden for grain bins near the town of Casselton in Cass County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-664.

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

Blaster Recertification
 Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

	Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
1.	Stephen D. Duewel	Freedom Mine	85-08-028 R(8)
2.	Delton Lawson	Freedom Mine	85-08-037 R(8)
3.	Paul T. Grossman	Freedom Mine	87-03-121 R(7)
4.	Rodney D. Long	Freedom Mine	89-11-166 R(6)
5.	Burton T. Roberson	Freedom Mine	90-12-173 R(4)
6.	Kerwin O. Lund	Freedom Mine	92-11-197 R(5)
7.	James P. Schmit	Freedom Mine	92-11-198 R(5)
8.	Jim Tognarelli	Freedom Mine	92-11-199 R(5)
9.	Michael A. Paetz	Freedom Mine	92-11-201 R(5)
10.	Daniel P. Misslin	Freedom Mine	95-09-229 R(4)
11.	Janet L. Filibeck	Freedom Mine	01-10-255 R(2)
12.	Jeffrey N. Hins	Freedom Mine	01-10-256 R(2)
13.	Clyde G. Pryce	Nelson Bros. Mining Services, LLC	04-11-273 R(1)

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

Case No. AU-07-694
 Kevin Dangerud
 Auctioneer & Auction Clerk License
 Cancellation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-07-694 canceling auctioneer license number 805 and auction clerk license number 572 issued to Kevin Dangerud, Hettinger, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-07-724
Shawn Hanson
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Shawn Hanson, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-400-92-399
Northern States Power Company
Electric
Rates

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Case No. PU-400-92-399.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-722
Langdon Wind, LLC
Wind Farm - Cavalier 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 \$36,500 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-07-722, Langdon Wind, LLC's proposed wind farm expansion in Cavalier County, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Abandoned Mine Lands Division
2007 Federal Evaluation Report

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission accept the Office of Surface Mining's 2007 Annual Evaluation Summary Report for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Annual Public Contact Report

Discussion Item

Case No. PU-07-681
Otter Tail Corporation
October 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item

Case No. PU-07-697
Northern States Power Company
October 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-708
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
October 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission extend to December 12, 2007 the time for designation of a corridor and a route in TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LLC's application to construct a 30-inch crude petroleum pipeline in Cavalier to Sargent Counties, Case No. PU-06-421.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wefald votes "Nay".

Mr. Cramer votes "Aye".

Mr. Clark votes "Aye".

Case No. RC-07-677
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
Notice of Violation 0702
Violation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission assess a proposed penalty for Notice of Violation No. 0702 issued to the Dakota Westmoreland Corporation at the Beulah Mine and schedule an informal conference in the matter.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Coal Mining Regulatory Program
2007 OSM Evaluation Report

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission accept the Office of Surface Mining's 2007 Evaluation Report for the Coal Mining and Reclamation Regulatory Program.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-672
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for receiving federal universal service support, Case No. PU-07-672.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-702
Farmers Mill and Elevator
Hankinson, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-702 granting the request of Farmers Mill and Elevator, Hankinson, North Dakota, to discontinue business at Hankinson and Mantador, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-711
Specialty Export Productions, Inc.
Greenfield, TN
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-711 granting the request of Specialty Export Productions, Inc. , Greenfield, Tennessee, to discontinue business at East Fairview, North Dakota, effective October 3, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-712
Lone Prairie Grain, Inc.
Tunbridge, ND - License No. 1064
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-712 granting the request of Lone Prairie Grain, Inc. to discontinue business at Tunbridge, North Dakota, effective October 10, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-685
Safflower Technologies International
LLC
Grain Warehouse - East Fairview, ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-685 granting the request of Safflower Technologies International LLC, Sidney, Montana, to operate a 250,000-bushel grain warehouse at East Fairview, North Dakota, effective October 3, 2007

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-706
Wheaton-Dumont Coop Elevator
Facility-Based Grain Buyer
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-706 granting the request of Wheaton-Dumont Coop Elevator, of Wheaton, Minnesota, to operate as a facility-based grain buyer at Hankinson, North Dakota and at Mantador, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Administrative Officer Resignation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Lori Anderson effective October 19, 2007.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT