

December 14, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of November 21, 27, December 6, 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:

ND Newspaper Association	4,129.66
Energy Services Group, LLC	1,325.00
Liberty Consulting Group	712.09
Hanson's Excavating	34,417.50
Town & Country Drilling Service	41,981.98
ND Surplus Property	35.00
Leo Praus	553.32
Phyllis G. Richter	582.90
Wayne Grangaard	527.82
JP Robbins	562.25
Susan E. Wefald	50.70
James Deutsch	71.90
Timothy Erdmann	730.04
Rick Fillbrandt	276.91
Bruce Beechie	992.99
William T. Gunnerson	291.35
Tim Oswald	146.14
Guy Welch	30.00
William E. Dodd	40.00
Kraig J. Nelson	169.42
Bruce Johnson	15.00
Stephan A. Schroeder	107.67
Mark Knell	455.87
William W. Binek	7.50
ND State Board of Law Examiners	780.00
OMB – adobe training	316.00
OMB training	25.00
OMB – 11/07 central duplicating	10.00
OMB – 11/07 postage	1,359.75
Office of Administrative Hearings	3,630.63
ITD – 11/07 ph chgs	1,654.75
ITD – 11/07 microfilm	175.65
OMB – 11/07 supplies	495.63
ITD – 11/07 dp	5,456.34

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-07-24
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./
Great Plains Natural
Request for Waiver Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Amended Order granting the request of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for a waiver of 49 CFR Part 192.481(a) changing the times to complete atmospheric corrosion surveys in both their residential areas and business districts to coincide with the required leak surveys in those areas.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the order to affirm Notice of Violation No. 0702 issued to Dakota Westmoreland Corporation at the Beulah Mine, acknowledge cancellation of the informal conference that was scheduled in the matter, and close the case.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-746
North Pacific Group Inc
dba North Pacific Roving Grain
Buyer - Portland, OR
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for North Pacific Group, Inc. dba North Pacific of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-771
Heartland Mill, Inc. dba HMI Sourcing
Roving Grain Buyer - Marienthal, KS
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Heartland Mill, Inc. dba HMI Sourcing of Marienthal, Kansas.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-759
Northern States Power Company
Fargo-Monticello MN 345 KV CapX
Transmission Line
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-07-766, Northern States Power Company's proposed 345 kV electric transmission line from Fargo, ND to Monticello, MN.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-766
Otter Tail Corporation
230kv Transmission Line Reroute
Richland 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 \$5,000 in Case No. PU-07-766, Otter Tail Corporation's proposed 230 kV electric transmission line reroute in Richland County, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AM-07-72
Williams County Road 9
2007 Phase 2 Construction Project

Withdrawn

Case No. AM-07-72
Williams County Road 9
2007 Phase 2 Construction
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-540-07 with Material Testing Services, LLC, for completion of material testing at the Williams County Road 9 Phase 2 AML site.

Mr. Cramer: 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 adopt the Third Order Amending Initial Order in Northern States Power Company's electric rates, Case No. PU-400-92-399.

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

Case No. PU-07-768
Northern States Power Company
December 2007
Cost of Gas

Discussion Item

Case No. PU-07-772
Great Plains Natural Gas Company
December 2007
Cost of Gas

Case No. PU-06-58
Qwest Performance Assurance Plan
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving revisions to Qwest Corporation's Performance Assurance Plan and modifications to Qwest Corporation's Performance Indicator Definition Document; Case No. PU-06-58.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-742
Scott G. Foss dba Lone Prairie Grain
Grain Warehouse - Tunbridge, ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-742 granting the request of Scott G. Foss dba Lone Prairie Grain, Rugby, North Dakota, to operate a 107,000-bushel grain warehouse at Tunbridge, North Dakota, effective November 27, 2007.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-07-770
J & K Grain LLC
Grain Warehouse - Mooreton, ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-07-770 granting the request of J & K Grain, LLC to operate a 450,000-bushel grain warehouse at Mooreton, North Dakota, effective immediately.

I further move that the Commission grant the request of J & K Grain, LLC to operate its grain warehouse at Mooreton, North Dakota, on an as needed basis.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Administrative Assistant Resignation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission accept, with regrets, the resignation of Paula Kent effective November 21, 2007.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Director Designation/Salary Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission designate Steve Kahl Technology Director and authorize a salary adjustment to reflect the designation effective December 14, 2007.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Testing & Safety Division
Weights & Measures/Metrology
P&E Guide Amendments

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve the 2007 amendments to the Testing & Safety Division's Weights & Measures/Metrology Procedures and Enforcement Guide.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-776
Request For Proposal for Northern
States Power Electric

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a request for proposal for consulting services in Northern States Power Company's electric rate increase application Case No. PU-07-776.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT