

December 31, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 31, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark.

Minutes

Mrs. Wefald: I move the minutes of December 14, 2007, be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

Mrs. Wefald: I move the following bills, as reviewed by the Commission, be approved and paid:

Alltel	253.01
ND Surplus Property	25.00
ND Newspaper Association	42.09
Leo D. Praus	754.58
Neshiem Electric, Inc.	316.36
DOT – 11/07	15,060.82
GE Corporate Payment Services	12,098.01
Rick Fillbrandt	706.91
Kevin Cramer	52.50
Phyllis G. Richter	75.27
Timothy Erdmann	558.58

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-715
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Marathon Oil Company, Sec. 23,
Dunn Center, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission grant Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s request to withdraw applications for permanent authority to extend electric service to Marathon Oil Company in the captioned cases.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-716
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Marathon Oil Co, Sec, 20,
Dunn Center, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-07-717
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Marathon Oil Co., Sec. 21,
Dunn Center, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-07-718
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Marathon Oil Co., Sec. 22,
Dunn Center, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Withdraw Motion Continued

Case No. PU-07-720
Otter Tail Corporation
Tharaldson Ethanol, Casselton, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Tharaldson Ethanol for a location in Cass County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-720.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-656
Otter Tail Corporation
Jon Goplen - Wahlum, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Jon Goplen for a location near Wahlum, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-656.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-669
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Midcontinent Communications,
Mandan ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Midcontinent Communications for a booster station in Morton County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-699.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-680
Otter Tail Corporation
Farmers Union Oil, Fairmount, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Farmers Union Oil of the Southern Valley for a propane tank near Fairmount, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-680.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-719
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Galen Schneider, Hebron, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Galen Schneider for a location near Hebron, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-719.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-731
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Dan Nelson, Williston ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Dan Nelson for a location near Williston, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-731.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-732
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
DMVW RR, Napoleon ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: 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 Dakota, Missouri Valley, & Western Railroad Inc. for a location near Napoleon, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-732.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-06-510
Gas Pipeline Safety Rulemaking

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Case No. GS-06-510 adopting the proposed gas safety rules, contingent upon approval of the Attorney General, and submit the rules to the Attorney General for an opinion as to legality.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-760
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
December 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Items

Case No. PU-07-765
Northern States Power Company
December 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-767
Otter Tail Corporation
December 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-774
Northern States Power Company
Petition/Accounting Treatment/
Nuclear Refueling

Withdrawn

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close-out Contract Numbers AM-546-07 and AM-547-07 with Hanson's Excavating, Inc. for completion of sinkhole filling work at several abandoned mine land sites in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission extend Contract No. AM-545-07 with T & C Drilling, Inc. until May 15, 2008 for exploratory drilling at abandoned underground mine sites.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-07-761
2008-2011 ND Reclamation
Simplified Grant Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission submit the 2008 - 2011 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining requesting \$3,072,803 in federal funds for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

AML Projects
Williston Public Meeting

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize holding a public meeting in Williston to discuss the 2008 AML reclamation project planned in Williams County and to solicit input on other abandoned mine land sites of concern.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-774
Northern States Power Company
Petition/Accounting Treatment/
Nuclear Refueling

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Case No. PU-07-774.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-784
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
January 2008
Cost of Gas/Natural Gas

Discussion Items

Case No. PU-07-785
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
January 2008
Cost of Gas/Propane

Case No. PU-07-75
Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights)
L.L.C. Pembina County LP Pipeline
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a corridor certificate and route permit in Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights) L.L.C.'s application for the construction of approximately 28 miles of 20-inch crude oil pipeline and associated facilities, all in Pembina County of North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-75.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-108
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
36-Inch LP Pipeline/Pembina County
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a corridor certificate and route permit in Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership's application for the construction of approximately 28 miles of 36-inch crude oil pipeline and associated facilities, all in Pembina County of North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-108

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 adopt the Order approving the application of Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support, Case No. PU-07-672.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-776
Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission appoint Patrick Fahn, Mike Diller as advocacy staff, and Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Jerry Lein and Tom Rafferty as advisory staff 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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Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection Plan

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the 2007 amendments to the Testing & Safety Division Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection Plan.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:22 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT