

August 26, 2009

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 26, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk.

Minutes

Mr. Clark: I move the minutes of August 12, 24, 2009, be approved.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

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

Kern & Tabery, Inc.	139,433.20
ND Newspaper Association	572.20
Spherion Corporation	1,221.00
The Liberty Consulting Group	71.72
Hewlett-Packard Company	267.00
Alltel	488.04
Brian Kalk	168.90
Susan Richter	1,288.27
Leo Praus – 9/09 advance	577.00
Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.	3,879.92
Agri Industries, Inc.	60,128.90
JP Morgan Chase & Company	1,097.92

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification and  
Re-Certification  
Approval

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

No.	Applicant	Affiliation	CertificateNo.
1.	Shilo Jasso	ND Safety Council	99-10-237-R(3)
2.	Sheldon Cieslak	Freedom Mine	05-10-278-R(1)
3.	Douglas J. Schell	Freedom Mine	06-08-285-R(1)
4.	Joe Spiekermeier	Freedom Mine	06-11-288-R(1)
5.	Sarah Flath	Freedom Mine	06-11-289-R(1)
6.	Bryan Walther	Freedom Mine	06-11-290-R(1)
7.	Joshua Entzel	Freedom Mine	06-11-291-R(1)
8.	Richard Schimke	Freedom Mine	09-08-312
9.	Keith Schutt	Freedom Mine	09-08-313
10.	Roy J. Mitchell	Freedom Mine	09-08-314
11.	Kelwayne Westman	Freedom Mine	09-08-315
12.	Clark Kranz	Freedom Mine	09-08-316
13.	Timothy S. Wetzel	Freedom Mine	09-08-317
14.	Randy Geigle	Freedom Mine	09-08-318
15.	Don T. Pavlicek	Freedom Mine	09-08-319

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-629  
2009 - 2012 ARRA Grant  
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission submit the  
2009 – 2012 American Recovery and Reinvestment  
Act Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-09-605  
Aaron T. Williams  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission approve the  
auctioneer license application for Aaron T. Williams, Dell  
Rapids, South Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-169  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
230 kV Transmission Line/Stark to  
Bowman Ctys  
Siting Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge the  
August 24, 2009 staff approval of Basin Electric Power  
Cooperative's request filed August 20, 2009, for a  
change in location of Structure #106 on its Belfield to  
Rhame 230 kV Electric Transmission Line, Case No.  
PU-07-169.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-216  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Determination of Prudence -  
Bay Front  
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge  
Northern States Power Company's withdrawal of its  
application for an advance determination of prudence for  
the 20 MW Bay Front Project, Case Nos. PU-09-216.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-09-632  
Tellan Steffan  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission approve the  
auctioneer license application for Tellan Steffan, Belfield,  
North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-09-372  
21st Century Ag Investments, LLC dba  
Simcoe Grain Processors  
Grain Warehouse - Simcoe, ND  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in  
Case No. GE-09-372 granting the request of 21st  
Century Ag Investments, LLC dba Simcoe Grain  
Processors to operate a 185,000-bushel grain  
warehouse at Simcoe, North Dakota, effective  
immediately.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-09-589  
Valley Grain Milling Inc.  
Grain Warehouse - Beulah, ND  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-09-589 granting the request of Valley Grain Milling Inc. to operate a 232,000-bushel grain warehouse at Beulah, North Dakota, effective immediately.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-09-606  
The Arthur Companies, Inc.  
Grain Warehouse - Buffalo, ND  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-09-606 granting the request of The Arthur Companies, Inc. to operate a 210,000-bushel grain warehouse at Buffalo, North Dakota, effective August 20, 2009.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-587  
Allete, Inc.  
230 kV Transmission Line –  
Bison I – Oliver-Morton  
Siting Application

Mr. Clark: 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 two weeks, and assess a filing fee of \$65,000 due upon filing an application in Case No. PU-09-587, Allete, Inc.'s proposed 230 kV transmission line in Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-525  
Northern States Power Company  
Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission approve the 2008 Natural Gas Earnings Sharing Refund filed in compliance with the Commission's Order in Northern States Power Company's Natural Gas Rate Increase Application, Case No. PU-06-525.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

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Executive Secretary

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KEVIN CRAMER, CHAIRMAN