

June 16, 2010

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of June 2, 2010 be approved.

Mr. Kalk: 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:

Presort Plus	23.26
ND Newspaper Association	299.92
Anthony T. Clark	456.09
Stephan A. Schroeder	1,172.12
Guy Welch	22.50
Raymond Kelsch	740.72
Wayne R. Grangaard	142.04
Attorney General's Office	30.00
Attorney General's Office	17.25
OMB – 5-10 postage	579.30
OMB – 5/10 supplies	290.36
OAH	5,834.54
DOT – 5/10	8,124.87
ITD – 5/10 phone	1,508.28
ITD – 5/10 dp	4,322.06

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-09-26  
Williams County Road 9  
2009 Phase 4 Construction  
Project

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-578-09 with Agri Industries, Inc. for completion of drilling and pressurized grouting work associated with the 2009 Williams County Road 9 Phase 4 AML project.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-08-640  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Revision No. 13, Permit NAFK - 9601  
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Intervention to McLean County, North Dakota Department of Transportation, and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Falkirk Mining Company Revision 13, Permit NAFK-9601, Approval, Case No. RC-08-640.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-18  
Otter Tail Power Company  
2010 Renewable Resource Cost  
Recovery Adj. Factor  
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee for an application for increase of rates from \$125,000 to \$10,000 in Case No. PU-10-18, Otter Tail Power Company's proposed 2010 Renewable Resource Cost Recover Adjustment Factor.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-19  
Northern States Power Company  
Sales of Renewable Energy Credits  
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee required for an application for increase of rates from \$125,000 to \$10,000 in Case No. PU-10-19, Northern States Power Company's proposal concerning sale of renewable energy credits.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-90  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Verizon - Gladstone Tower - Stark Cty.  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to extend electric service to Design One for Verizon Wireless at a location in Stark County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-10-90.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-724  
Oliver Wind III, LLC  
230 kV Transmission Line –  
Oliver & Morton  
Siting Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Reschedule Hearing in the applications of Oliver Wind III, LLC for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to construct approximately 11 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Morton and Oliver Counties of North Dakota. Case No. PU-09-724

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-124  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the commission adopt the Order on Interim Rates authorizing interim electric rates in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s electric rate increase application, Case No. PU 10-124.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-124  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a contract for consulting services to Mathai & Associates Regulatory Consultants, LLC in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s electric rate increase application, Case No. PU-10-124.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-124  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue the Notice of Hearing and Notice of Public Input Session in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s electric rate increase application, Case No. PU-10-124.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-157  
Turtle Mountain Comm. /  
Midcontinent Comm.  
Rural Exemption  
Investigation

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Midcontinent Communications' request for determination concerning Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.'s rural exemption, Case No. PU-10-157.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Administrative Assistant II  
New Hire

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Cara G. DeSaye to fill Position No. 5032, Administrative Assistant II, effective June 7, 2010, under the terms specified in the June 1, 2010 written offer of employment.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:17 A.M.

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Executive Secretary

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KEVIN CRAMER, CHAIRMAN