

February 23, 2011

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of February 9, 2011 be approved.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-11-64
Louis Dreyfus Corporation
Roving Grain Buyer - Minneapolis, MN
Discontinue Business

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-11-64 cancelling roving grain buyer license number 3040 issued to Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota and ordering that all North Dakota roving grain buyer activities be discontinued.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-10-591
2011 Federal/State Gas Pipeline
Safety
Grants and Contracts

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission sign and submit the 2011 Gas Pipeline Safety Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, signifying its planned participation in the 2011 gas pipeline safety program year and reporting work performed during 2010.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-48
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Newfield Exploration, Williams County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Newfield Exploration at a location in Williams County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-48.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-10-498
Grabanski Grain, LLC
Grain Warehouse
Insolvency

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission file an application with the District Court, Northeast Judicial District, for appointment as trustee of Grabanski Grain LLC at its Grafton, North Dakota facility, under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 60-04, in Public Service Commission Case No. GE-10-498.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-11-63
Coteau Grain & Seed, L.L.C.
License No. 1117 - Ellendale, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-11-63 cancelling warehouse license number 1117 issued to Coteau Grain & Seed, L.L.C. at Ellendale, North Dakota and ordering that business at Ellendale, North Dakota is discontinued effective immediately.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-589
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Manufactured Gas Plant Cost
Recovery
Application

WITHDRAWN

Case No. RC-10-598
Coteau Properties Company
Notice of Violation No. 1004
Violation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order vacating Notice of Violation 1004 in all respects, in The Coteau Properties Company, Notice of Violation No. 1004, Violation, Case No. RC-10-598

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-55
Northern States Power Company
2012 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the retention of Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in Case No. PU-11-55, Northern States Power Company 2012 Electric Rate Increase Application.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:05 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY CLARK, CHAIRMAN