

March 23, 2005

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 23, 2005, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of March 9, 2005, 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:

Jensen Travel	1,073.80
ND Newspaper Association	311.11
UND – Interactive Video Network	238.40
Annette Bendish	545.74
Larkin & Associates, PLLC	12,760.00
National Association of AML Programs	200.00
IMCC	250.00
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco	1,098.93
Cellular One	246.45
Hanson's Excavating, Inc.	13,147.50
Clerk of Bankruptcy Court	150.00
ITD – 2/05 DP	1,958.57
OMB – 2/05 central supply	161.82
Elan	5,586.39
DOT	10,432.43
OMB – 2/05 central duplicating	830.14

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-168
Red River Networks LLC
Long Distance Reseller
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to Red River Networks LLC to resell interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-168.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-144
Bonnie Kay Helm - Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Bonnie Kay Helm, Max, ND.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-145
Roger D. Hansen - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Roger D. Hansen, Prairie Farm, WI.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-146
Bryce L. Hansen - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Bryce L. Hansen, Prairie Farm, WI.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-155
Robert Osendorf - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Robert Osendorf, Rhame, ND.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-171
Chad L. Lindley - Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Chad L. Lindley, White Earth, ND.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-172
Chad L. Lindley - Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Chad L. Lindley, White Earth, ND.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-147
Northern States Power Company
Cost of Fuel Adjustment Clause
Tariff
Suspend

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Northern States Power Company's Cost of Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff, Case No. PU-05-147.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-578
Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application
Notices

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the March 9, 2005, issuance of a Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Cancellation of Formal Hearing in Northern States Power Company's Natural Gas Rate Increase application, Case No. PU-04-578.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-04-513
Midwest Marketing, Inc.
Ex Parte Cease & Desist

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in Case No. GE-04-513 – Public Service Commission, Midwest Marketing, Inc., Ex Parte Cease and Desist and Case No. GE-04-514 – Public Service Commission vs. Midwest Marketing, Inc., Complaint.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-04-514
vs. Midwest Marketing, Inc.
Complaint

Case No. PU-04-526
Heartland Feed, Inc. vs.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Complaint
Dismissal

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the stipulations for dismissal filed by the parties in Case No. PU-04-526, and close the case.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-141
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
March 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2005, Case No. PU-05-141.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-159
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
April 2005
Cost of Gas Adj./Natural Gas

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas Cost of Gas Adjustment for April 2005, Case No. PU-05-159.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-162
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
April 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for April 2005, Case No. PU-05-162.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-05-120
Falkirk Mining Company
Water Supply Replacement Plans,
Permit NAFK-8705
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission grant conditional approval of the water supply replacement agreement dated January 1, 2005, between the Falkirk Mining Company and the Board of Commissioners for the City of Underwood.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-546
Midcontinent Communications
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-546, Midcontinent Communications, Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-565
Northwest Communications
Cooperative a Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Northwest Communications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-565, Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative, Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity and Case No. PU-04-635, Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-572
Northstar Telecom, Inc./Qwest
Corporation
Master Services Agreement
Service Agreement(s)
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Northstar Telecom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-572, Northstar Telecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Master Services Agreement, Service Agreement(s).

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-576
Z-Tel Communications, Inc./Qwest
Corporation
Master Services Agreement
Service Agreement(s)
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-576, Z-Tel Communications, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Master Services Agreement, Service Agreement(s).

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-603
BullsEye Telecom, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill BullsEye Telecom, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-603, BullsEye Telecom, Inc., Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-627
Trans National Communications
International, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Trans National Communications International, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-627, Trans National Communications International, Inc., Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-635
Northwest Communications
Cooperative a Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application
Valuation Billing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission bill Northwest Communications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-04-565, Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative, Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity and Case No. PU-04-635, Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Hiring Construction Inspector

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission hire Larry Reisenauer, Route 3, Box 53A, Belfield, North Dakota 58622 for permanent part-time employment as a Construction Inspector with a period of employment from April 1, 2005, to November 30, 2005, at a salary of \$13.25 per hour plus time and a half for hours in excess of 40 hours per week.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Land Department
Request

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve the assignment of Bruce Beechie to temporarily work with the State Land Department on the coal suppression project.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT