April 6, 2005

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 6, 2005, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of March 23, 2005, be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I move the following bills, as reviewed

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

by the Commission, be approved and paid: Guv Welch 371.50 Nirander Safaya 50.00 Bruce Beechie 1,024.89 William Dodd 438.58 Leo Praus 739.44 Wayne Grangaard 691.82 Bruce Johnson 22.59 JP Robbins 543.50 Timothy Erdmann 678.93 **David Bickel** 6.00 Rick Fillbrandt 330.29 Dean Moos 40.00 Stephan Schroeder 12.00 Bill Eide 156.74 Phyllis Richter 1.011.00 Patrick Fahn 588.04 Kevin Cramer 75.94 ND Newspaper Association 1,632.27 FedEx 12.42 Susan Wefald 6.00 OMB-2/05 UPS charges 9.31

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Office of Administrative Hearings

Case No. PU-05-189 NECC Telecom, Inc. Cellular Service Provider Application Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue a Certificate of Registration to NECC Telecom, Inc. to provide cellular services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-189.

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Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-05-174 Bruce Christianson - Auctioneer License Application Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Bruce Christianson, Wahpeton, ND.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-180
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Electric Service Rules and Regulations
Tariff
Suspend Tariff

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

Case No. PU-04-402 MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Qwest Corporation Service Agreement(s)

Case No. PU-04-637 Budget Phone, Inc. Local/Interexchange Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. GE-05-190 Martin Altendorf - Roving Grain Buyer Suspension/Revocation Notice of Opportunity

Case No. GE-05-191 Archer-Daniels-Midland Company License No. 1090 - Page, ND Discontinue Business Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Electric Service Rules and Regulations tariff, Case No. PU-05-180.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission revise the letter to the Falkirk Mining Company granting conditional approval of the water supply replacement agreement between Falkirk and the Board of Commissioners for the City of Underwood.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the order dismissing Qwest Corporation's motion to dismiss filing for approval of Negotiated Commercial Agreement and approving Qwest's Master Services Agreement.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting the application of Budget Phone, Inc. for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunication services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-04-637.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-05-190 suspending roving grain buyer license number 3042 of Martin Altendorf, Minto, North Dakota, for lack of an adequate bond filing and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the matter.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-05-191 granting the request of ADM-Benson Quinn, a division of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company to discontinue business at Page, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-05-192 The Arthur Companies, Inc. Grain Warehouse - Page, ND License Application

Case No. PU-05-131
Otter Tail Corporation
Cost of Energy Adjustment Clause
Tariff

Case No. PU-05-135
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Cost of Energy Adjustment Clause
Tariff
Case No. PU-05-147
Northern States Power Company
Cost of Fuel Adjustment Clause
Tariff

Case No. PU-05-167 Otter Tail Corporation April 2005 Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-05-179 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU April 2005 Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-05-186 Northern States Power Company April 2005 Fuel Cost Adjustment Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-05-192 granting the request of The Arthur Companies, Inc. to operate a 715,000-bushel grain warehouse at Page, North Dakota, effective immediately.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Interim Order prescribing initial accounting treatments for MISO Day-2 energy market costs, Case Nos. PU-05-131, PU-05-135, and PU-05-147.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Case No. PU-05-167, Otter Tail Corporation's Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment for April 2005

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for April 2005, Case No. PU-05-179.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for April 2005, Case No. PU-05-186.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-04-597 Leith Phase 1 2005 AML Construction Project

Case No. PU-05-205
FPL Energy Burleigh County Wind,
LLC
230kV Transmission Line - Burleigh
County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-05-184
Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Trenton Station Extension/McKenzie
County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-05-185
Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Buford Loop/McKenzie County
Siting Application

Creation of Loss Control Committee

QPAP Multistate Audit Collaborative Participation

Mrs. Wefald: I move that the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract in the amount of \$2,450 to Donald D. Dvorak d/b/a Farm Financial Services, 235 Sims Street, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601 for pre- and post-reclamation appraisals of the Leith Phase 1 abandoned mine land site in Grant County.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent to shorten the one year waiting period between filing the letter of intent and siting application to one week in Case No. PU-05-205, FPL Energy Burleigh County Wind, LLC's 230 kV Transmission Line in Burleigh County, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s Letter of Intent in Case No. PU-05-184, Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s Trention Station Extension in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s Letter of Intent in Case No. PU-05-185, Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s Buford Loop in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission authorize creation of a Loss Control Committee composed of division directors or their designees, with updates on the committee's work included in the Executive Secretary's quarterly report to the Commission.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Clark: I move The Commission approve North Dakota's participation in the QPAP Multistate Audit Collaborative.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

Executive Secretary TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT