

November 17, 2005

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 17, 2005, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of November 2 and 10, 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:

Williston Community Library	15.00
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	83,404.00
Geoserv, Inc.	14,553.36
One Call Concepts	16,000.00
Kevin Hanson	58.30
ND Newspaper Association	988.09
Presort Plus	11.96
Fireside Office Plus	2,464.00
JP Robbins	1,314.85
Bill Eide	509.27
Leo D. Praus	324.32
Wayne Grangaard	599.64
Phyllis G. Richter	718.71
Kevin Cramer	795.69
ITD-10/05 processing	3,793.61
OMB-10/05 central supply	71.70
OMB-10/05 postage	1,214.77
ITD-10/05 rate chgs	1,344.27
Office of Administrative Hearings	1,485.94
ND Geological Survey	654.36

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-325
North Dakota Telephone Company
Local Exchange
Tariff
Notice of Rescheduled Hearing

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the November 2, 2005, issuance of a Notice of Rescheduled Hearing in this proceeding.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-05-341
Gas Pipeline Safety
Rulemaking
Notice of Rescheduled Hearing

Case No. PU-05-364
Public Utilities - Electric
Rulemaking
Case No. PU-05-575
Public Utilities - Telephone
Rulemaking

Case No. RC-05-591
Reclamation
Rulemaking

Case No. GE-05-594
Licensing - Grain Buyer
Rulemaking

Case No. PU-05-602
Public Utilities - Siting
Rulemaking

Case No. GE-05-604
Dakota Pride Cooperative
Roving Grain Buyer - Jamestown
License Application

Case No. GE-05-606
Sunrich, LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Hope, MN
License Application

Case No. PU-05-451
Midcontinent Communications/ND
Telephone Co.
Rural Exemption
Investigation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission propose the following amendments to the North Dakota Administrative Code, schedule a hearing for 1 p.m., CDT, January 4, 2006, issue a Notice of Proposed Rules and Public Hearing, and issue an abbreviated Notice of Hearing for publication in each official county newspaper throughout the state as required by law.

Article 69-05.2 Amendments to Reclamation Rules
Article 69-06 Amendments to Siting Rules
Article 69-07 Amendments to Grain Buyers Rules
Article 69-09 Amendments to Gas Safety, Electric and Telecommunications Rules

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for Dakota Pride Cooperative, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for Sunrich, LLC doing business as Sigco Sun Products and Earthwise Processors, Hope, Minnesota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission admit attorney J. G. Harrington to practice before the Commission in Case No. PU-05-451, Midcontinent Communications/North Dakota Telephone Company, Rural Exemption Investigation.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the
blaster certification of the following applicant:

Maurice (Mick) Studer Pvt. Contractor 05-11-281

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2967-03-666
BEK Communications Cooperative, et al.
vs SmartNET, Inc.
Complaint
Notice of Hearing

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of
Hearing in BEK Communications Cooperative, et al vs.
SmartNET, Inc. Complaint, Case No. PU-2967-03-666.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-05-600
Prairie States Cooperative Terminal
Facility-Based Grain Buyer-Trenton, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in
Case No. GE-05-600 granting the request of Prairie
States Cooperative Terminal, Williston, North Dakota, to
discontinue business as a facility-based grain buyer at
Trenton, North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-05-605
Earthwise Processors, LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Moorhead, MN
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in
Case No. GE-05-605 granting the request of Earthwise
Processors, LLC, Moorhead, Minnesota, to discontinue
business as a North Dakota roving grain buyer.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-573
Otter Tail Corporation
November 2005
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: Discussion Items Only

Case No. PU-05-582
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
November 2005
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-05-587
Northern States Power Company
November 2005
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. AM-05-500
AML Maintenance
2005 Construction Project
Close Contract

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission close out Contract AM-516-05 with Ed Texley dba Circle T Custom Dirt Work, 1405 5th Avenue NE, Hettinger, ND 58639 for construction services on abandoned mine land sites in western North Dakota.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-05-576
Williams County Road 9
2006 Phase 1 Construction Project
Public Meeting

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission authorize a public meeting in Williams County to discuss the planned reclamation project in 2006 and solicit input on abandoned mine land sites of concern. Formal advertising, public service announcements and letters to county officials and landowners will be used to inform the public.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-418
Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Trenton Pipeline System-McKenzie-
Williams Counties
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience authorizing Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s to construct and operate the Trenton Pipeline System in McKenzie and Williams Counties in North Dakota, Case No. PU-05-418.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-588
Northern States Power Company
November 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's cost of gas adjustment for November 2005, Case No. PU-05-588.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-592
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
November 2005
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas adjustment for November 2005, Case No. PU-05-592.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT