

March 7, 2007

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer, and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of February 23, 2007, 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:

FedEx	43.95
ND Grain Dealers Association	195.00
AVI Systems	23,828.00
Stephan A. Schroeder	15.00
Melisa Toepke-Peterson	22.50
Bruce Beechie	22.50
Guy Welch	15.00
Bruce Johnson	22.50
Bill Eide	79.45
JP Robbins	264.40
Susan E. Wefald	1,091.12
Leo D. Praus	857.83
Phyllis G. Richter	742.51
Wayne Grangaard	395.10
William E. Dodd	782.00
Timothy Erdmann	651.96
OMB – 2/07 supplies	332.17
ITD – 2/07 ph	1,245.98

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-74
Northern States Power Company
Temporary Daylight Savings Time
Modifications
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve temporary tariff changes filed by Northern States Power Co., d/b/a Xcel Energy to redefine peak usage periods in recognition of the extended 2007 daylight savings time period under the federal Energy Policies Act of 2005, Case No. PU-07-74.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-87
 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
 a Division of MDU
 Temporary Daylight Savings Time
 Modifications
 Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve temporary electric service tariff changes filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Company to redefine peak usage periods in recognition of the extended 2007 daylight savings time period under the federal Energy Policies Act of 2005, Case No. PU-07-87.

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

Case No. RC-07-14
 Basin Cooperative Services
 Variance Request - Permit BCGH-8801
 Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Basin Cooperative Services' request for a variance to the ten-year revegetation responsibility period for 40.4 acres of reclaimed land in Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BCGH-8801 at the Glenharold Mine.

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

Blaster Recertification
 Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

No.	Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
1.	Wayne Cline	Beulah Mine	01-03-250 R(2)
2.	Casey O'Neil	Beulah Mine	89-11-165 R(6)
3.	Larry L. Schnaidt	Beulah Mine	85-12-066 R(6)
4.	Steve Bennett	Center Mine	85-07-019 R(6)
5.	Delvin W. Striha	Falkirk Mine	04-05-269 R(1)
6.	Brian Hartman	Falkirk Mine	04-05-268 R(1)
7.	Doug Stoltz	Falkirk Mine	89-11-162 R(6)
8.	Wesley L. Neumiller	Falkirk Mine	92-11-195 R(5)
9.	Roland Jesser	Falkirk Mine	92-11-196 R(5)
10.	Daryl Bykonen	Falkirk Mine	85-10-049 R(5)
11.	Robert C. Hovdenes	Falkirk Mine	95-09-227 R(5)
12.	Rick Johnson	Falkirk Mine	01-03-247 R(2)
13.	David Beck	Falkirk Mine	01-10-254 R(2)
14.	Darcy Kramlich	Falkirk Mine	94-11-224 R(4)

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

Case No. GE-07-83
 Tim Meuchel
 Roving Grain Buyer - Hebron, ND
 License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application for Tim Meuchel, Hebron, North Dakota.

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

Case No. AU-07-89
 Troy Alan Dohman
 Auctioneer
 License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Troy Alan Dohman, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

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

Case No. AU-07-91
Daro Crandall
Auctioneer License
Revocation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-07-91 revoking auctioneer license number 846 issued to Daro Alan Crandall of Superior, Wisconsin, as of March 3, 2007, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-504
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
Optional Electric Rates 31 and 38
Approval

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order approving interruptible electric service tariff changes filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. PU-05-504.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-481
Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Rescheduled Hearing in Otter Tail Corporation's and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Case No. PU-06-481 and PU-06-482.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-482
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application

Case No. PU-07-76
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
a Division of MDU
March 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Item Only

Case No. PU-07-82
Otter Tail Corporation
March 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-92
Northern States Power Company
March 2007
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-07-69
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
March 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment/Propane

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2007, Case No. PU-07-69.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-70
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
March 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s natural gas Cost of Gas adjustment for March 2007, Case No. PU-07-70.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-75
Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights)
L.L.C.
Pembina County LP Pipeline
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission acknowledge the letter of intent, shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to one day, and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-07-75, Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights) L.L.C.'s proposed 20-inch liquid petroleum pipeline in Pembina County, North Dakota

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-88
Northern States Power Company
March 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment for March 2007, Case No. PU-07-88.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-90
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
March 2007
Cost of Gas Adjustment

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Cost of Gas Adjustment for March 2007, Case No. PU-07-90.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2909-03-447
Mental Health Association
211 Designation
Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting the Mental Health Association's application to subcontract 211 operations, Case No. PU-2909-03-447.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt the Amended Order submitting rules to the Attorney General for an opinion as to legality and whether they conflict with any other state law or rule, Case No. PU-05-575.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Hire AML Construction Inspector

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission hire Larry Reisenauer, Route 3, Box 53A, Belfield, North Dakota 58622 for part-time employment as a Construction Inspector for the AML Division with a period of employment from April 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours in excess of 40 hours per week.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

Executive Director

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT