

September 10, 2008

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of August 27, 2008 be approved.

Mrs. Wefald: 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:

Gratech Company, Ltd.	53,519.55
Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.	6,653.32
Presort Plus	33.10
Embarcadero Technologies, Inc.	1,520.00
Zones, Inc.	7,142.32
AVI Systems	3,840.00
Executive Air Taxi Corporation	2,417.75
Media Productions	1,130.00
SRT Communications, Inc.	85.90
Bruce Johnson	7.50
Tim Oswald	907.50
William E. Dodd	216.90
Guy Welch	30.00
Raymond Kelsch	1,162.82
Mark Knell	577.66
Bruce Beechie	158.79
Stephan A. Schroeder	22.50
Timothy Erdmann	588.00
Jerry Lein	240.65
Kevin Hanson	789.25
Phyllis G. Richter	1,051.01
Wayne Grangaard	547.20
JP Robbins	539.70
Leo D. Praus	307.73
ND Newspaper Association	5,961.20
Office of Administrative Hearings	4,795.15
OMB – 8/08 supplies	304.82
ITD – 8/08 ph chgs	1,574.21
ITD – 8/08 microfilm	60.00
OMB – 8/08 postage	799.81
GE Corporate Payment Services	3,412.16

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-07-73
Columbus
2007 Phase 8 Construction
Project

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close-out Contract No. AM-551-08 with the Burke County Soil Conservation District for completion of tree and shrub planting at the Columbus abandoned mine land site in Burke County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-08-733
Dillon Paul Becker
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Dillon Paul Becker, Ashley, North Dakota.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-08-739
Shawn Hanson
Auctioneer License
Revocation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-08-739 revoking auctioneer license number 862 issued to Shawn Hanson of Jamestown, North Dakota, effective August 30, 2008, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-54
Just Wind - Wind Farm Development
Wind Farm - Logan County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in the application of Just Wind – Wind Farm Development for a certificate of site compatibility authorizing construction of a proposed 368 MW wind farm in Logan County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-07-54.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-08-577
AML Emergency
2008 Ruud - Parshall
Project

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission award a contract to Ulteig Engineers, Inc. to conduct a structural survey of the Richard Ruud residence that was damaged during an AML emergency project.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-707
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
September 2008
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-727
Otter Tail Corporation
September 2008
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-08-729
Northern States Power Company
September 2008
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-05-47
PPM Energy, Inc.
Rugby Wind Farm - Pierce County
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve the turbine site plan changes filed August 14, 2008 by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. f/k/a PPM Energy, Inc. for its Rugby wind farm in Case No. PU-05-47 and re-caption Case Nos. PU-05-47 and PU-05-305 to recognize the corporate name change.

Case No. PU-05-305
PPM Energy, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-693
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Chad Olson - Deco Subdivision -
Kidder County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in the matter of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide electric service at a location in Kidder County, North Dakota, in Case Number PU-08-693. I further move that this hearing be consolidated with the hearing previously scheduled for September 16, 2008, in Case Numbers PU-08-345; PU-08-346; and PU-08-347.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-730
Northern States Power Company
September 2008
Cost of Gas

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-735
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
September 2008
Cost of Gas

Case No. GE-08-740
Hague Elevator Co., Inc.
dba Hague Elevator Co.
License No. 1126 - Hague, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-740 granting the request of Hague Elevator Co., Inc. dba Hague Elevator Co. to discontinue business at Hague, North Dakota, effective September 8, 2008.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-719
North Central Farmers Elevator
Grain Warehouse - Hague, ND
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-719 granting the request of North Central Farmers Elevator, Ipswich, South Dakota, to operate a 215,000-bushel grain warehouse at Hague, North Dakota, effective September 8, 2008.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Director of Administration/
Executive Secretary

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Darrell Nitschke to fill Position No. 4998, Director of Administration, effective September 1, 2008, under the terms specified in the August 1, 2008 written offer of employment and appoint Darrell Nitschke Executive Secretary.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:37 A.M.

Executive Secretary

SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT