

November 5, 2008

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 5, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark.

Minutes

Mrs. Wefald: I move the minutes of October 22, 30, 31, 2008 be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

Mrs. Wefald: I move the following bills, as reviewed by the Commission, be approved and paid:

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| Hewlett Packard Company       | 20,389.50  |
| Springbok Services, Inc.      | 1,048.46   |
| Kadmas Lee & Jackson, Inc.    | 9,015.69   |
| Gratech Company, Ltd.         | 147,234.76 |
| Wayne Grangaard               | 570.27     |
| Phyllis G. Richter            | 1,026.64   |
| JP Robbins                    | 736.93     |
| Leo D. Praus                  | 92.76      |
| Bruce Beechie                 | 30.00      |
| Raymond Kelsch                | 1,263.43   |
| Bruce Johnson                 | 7.50       |
| Guy Welch                     | 22.50      |
| William E. Dodd               | 391.83     |
| Mark Knell                    | 777.35     |
| Tim Oswald                    | 691.75     |
| Timothy Erdmann               | 588.00     |
| Rick Fillbrandt               | 123.05     |
| Stephan A. Schroeder          | 157.71     |
| Anthony T. Clark              | 727.75     |
| Annette Bendish               | 656.48     |
| ND Geological Survey          | 1,273.41   |
| GE Corporate Payment Services | 4,772.80   |

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-741  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
Division of MDU  
Margin Sharing Adjustment and  
Fuel Clause  
Tariff

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve the tariff revision filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to revise its Margin Sharing Adjustment and Fuel Clause Adjustment Tariffs from a bills-rendered basis to a service-rendered basis, Case No. PU-08-741.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-841  
Malteurop North America Inc.  
Roving Grain Buyer - Milwaukee, WI  
License Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve the roving grain license application for Malteurop North America Inc., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-08-860  
Jeremy J. Ferderer  
Auctioneer License  
Revocation

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. AU-08-860 revoking auctioneer license number 663 issued to Jeremy J. Ferderer of Bismarck, North Dakota effective October 29, 2008, for failing to maintain an adequate bond filing.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-861  
ADM Malting LLC  
Roving Grain Buyer - Milwaukee, WI  
Discontinue Business

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-861 granting the request of ADM Malting, LLC of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to discontinue business as a North Dakota roving grain buyer, effective immediately.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-834  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
November 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-845  
Otter Tail Corporation  
November 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-08-859  
Northern States Power Company  
November 2008  
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Case No. PU-08-847  
Allete, Inc.  
230 kV Transmission Line /  
Oliver County  
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: 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 \$50,000 due upon the filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-847, Allete, Inc.'s proposed 230 kV electric transmission line in Oliver County, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-848  
Allete, Inc.  
125 MW Wind Energy Conversion  
Facility/Oliver Cty  
Siting Application

Mrs. Wefald: 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 the filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-848, Allete, Inc.'s proposed 125 MW wind energy conversion facility in Oliver County, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-784  
vs. Tatanka Wind Power, LLC  
Complaint

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Consent Order in Public Service Commission vs. Tatanka Wind Power, LLC, Case No. PU-08-784.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-171  
Northern States Power Company  
Demand Side Management & Cost  
Recovery Rider  
Tariff

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt the Order denying the proposed cost recovery tariff rider and approving deferred accounting treatment for two specific load management programs in Northern States Power Company's Demand Side Management & Cost Recovery Rider, Case No. PU-08-171.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-843  
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation  
6 - inch Natural Gas Line /  
Mountrail Cty  
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 \$16,500 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-843, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation's 6-inch natural gas pipeline in Mountrail County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-844  
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation  
8 - Inch Oil Line / Mountrail Cty  
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 \$30,500 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-08-844, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation's proposed 8-inch oil pipeline in Mountrail County.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-854  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
November 2008  
Cost of Gas

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-08-857  
Northern States Power Company  
November 2008  
Cost of Gas

Case No. PU-05-492  
Numbering Issues  
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge its response to the North American Numbering Plan Administration's Reclamation Group that Midcontinent Communications - ND has activated number blocks assigned in the Bowman ND 458, Scranton ND 533, Rhame ND 582, Hettinger ND 637, and Reeder ND 691 calling prefixes, Case No PU-05-492.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-513  
Inter-Carrier Compensation  
Investigation

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission acknowledge its ex parte communication to the Federal Communications Commission concerning the NARUC Motion/Request for Public Comment on Recently Circulated "Report and Order, Order on Remand, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" on Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation Reform, and docket in Case No. PU-06-513.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-849  
Prairie Cooperative  
Grain Warehouse  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-849 granting the request of Prairie Cooperative to discontinue business at Cleveland and Windsor, North Dakota, effective November 1, 2008.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-850  
Klose Farmers Elevator Company  
License No. 142 - Eldridge, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-850 granting the request of Klose Farmers Elevator Company to discontinue business at Eldridge, North Dakota, effective November 1, 2008.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-08-840  
Country Grain Cooperative, Inc.  
Grain Warehouse  
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue an order in Case No. GE-08-840 granting the request of Country Grain Cooperative, Inc. to operate a 1,482,000-bushel grain warehouse at Eldridge, an 875,000-bushel grain warehouse at Cleveland, and an 187,000-bushel grain warehouse at Windsor, North Dakota, effective November 1, 2008.

Mrs. Wefald: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:20 A.M.

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Executive Secretary

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SUSAN E. WEFALD, PRESIDENT