

January 4, 2012

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark and Kalk. Commissioner Cramer participated by telephone and authorized his administrative assistant to sign orders on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Kalk: I move the minutes of December 21, 2011 be approved.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-589
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Manufactured Gas Plant Cost
Recovery
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a utility valuation application fee refund to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. in the amount of \$9,652.77, Case No. PU-10-589

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-11-716
CHS, Inc.
Facility-Based Grain Buyer –
Dickinson
License Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-11-716 granting the request of CHS, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota, to operate as a facility-based grain buyer at East Broadway in Dickinson, North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-697
Midcontinent Communications /
Missouri Valley Communications
Interconnection Arbitration
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission appoint Pat Ward, Partner Zuger Kirmis & Smith, Bismarck, North Dakota, as arbitrator in Midcontinent Communications / Missouri Valley Co. interconnection arbitration application, Case No. PU-11-697

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-11-712
2012 - 2015 ND Reclamation
Simplified Grant
Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the Beulah/Zap Phase 13 and Columbus Phases 13 and 14 construction projects as the major projects for abandoned mine reclamation in 2012 and submit the 2012 - 2015 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining to request \$3,921,596 in federal funds.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-232
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Berthold Station Expansion Project
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission retain Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Case No. PU-11-232, Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota), LLC - Berthold Station Expansion Project, Siting Application.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-620
Allete, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line Extension -
Oliver County
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission retain Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Case No. PU-11-620, Allete, Inc., - 230 kV Transmission Line Extension - Oliver County, Siting Application.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-683
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Stateline to Riverview NGL Pipeline -
Williams Cty
Siting Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission request legal assistance from the Office of the Attorney General in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Stateline to Riverview NGL Pipeline - Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-683.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY CLARK, CHAIRMAN