

January 18, 2012

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of January 4, 12, 2012 be approved.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-11-722
LD Commodities Portland LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Wilton, CT
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the roving grain buyer license application in Case No. GE-11-722 for LD Commodities Portland LLC, of Wilton, Connecticut, effective February 1, 2012.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-12-30
CLD Pacific Grain, LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Portland, OR
Discontinue Business

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-12-30 cancelling roving grain buyer license number 3128 issued to CLD Pacific Grain, LLC of Portland, Oregon, and ordering that all North Dakota roving grain buyer activities be discontinued effective February 1, 2012.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-05-265
Northern States Power Company
2004 Electric Operations
Annual Report

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company's 2004 through 2010 Electric Operations Annual Reports, Case Nos. PU-05-265, PU-06-189, PU 07 181, PU-08-211, PU-09-191, PU-10-153 and PU-11-147.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-06-189
Northern States Power Company
2005 Electric Operations
Annual Report

Case No. PU-07-181
Northern States Power Company
2006 Electric
Annual Report

Case No. PU-08-211
Northern States Power Company
2007 Electric and Natural Gas
Annual Report

Case No. PU-09-191
Northern States Power Company
2008 Electric
Annual Report

Motion Continued

Case No. PU-10-153
Northern States Power Company
2009 Electric
Annual Report

Case No. PU-11-147
Northern States Power Company
2010 Electric
Annual Report

Case No. PU-12-18
Otter Tail Power Company
Cogeneration - Small Power
Production
Tariff

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission suspend Otter Tail Power Company's proposed cogeneration and small power production rates, Case No. PU-12-18.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-11-714
BNI Coal, Ltd.
Collateral Bond
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Collateral Bond No. CB 9702-3 in the amount of \$2,625,000.00 covering surface coal mining permits held by BNI Coal, Ltd. for the Center Mine.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-670
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line –
Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission deem the applications complete conditioned on receiving final structure locations one week prior to the hearings and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearings in the applications of Minnkota Power Coop, Inc. for modifications to its designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a route permit authorizing construction of its proposed 345 kV electric transmission line from Center to Grand Forks, North Dakota, Case No. PU-09-670.

Mr. Cramer: 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. Clark: I move the Commission deem the applications complete, conditioned upon filing of final transmission structure locations one week prior to the hearing, and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in the applications of Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to construct approximately 11 miles 230 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities in Oliver County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-620.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Accounting Budget Specialist I
Resignation

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission accept, with regret, the resignation of Sheila Hibl effective January 31, 2012.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:43 A.M.

Executive Secretary

TONY CLARK, CHAIRMAN