

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

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March 10, 2009

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, held on March 10, 2009. Meeting called to order by Chairperson McGuire at 3:30 p.m., at the Hibbing Public Utilities, Hibbing, MN. Present were Chairperson McGuire; Commissioner Berklich; Commissioner Kleffman; Legal Counsel, Allen Jacobson; General Manager, Jason Fisher; Director of Finance & Commission Secretary, Kevin Gargano; Director of Power Production, Gary Myers; Director of Electrical Systems, John Carlson; Director of Engineering, Chuck Berg; and Director of Utility Operations, Corey Lubovich. Also in attendance was Curt Holcomb, Hibbing Public Access Television; Anna Kurth, Hibbing Daily Tribune; Larry Claude, Mark Reger, Esko Savela, Scott Schmidtbauer, and Jeff Stokes, Local 94 Employees.

Motion made by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the bills paid from February 21, 2009 through March 6, 2009, and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich that the bills paid from February 21, 2009 through March 6, 2009 in the amount of \$1,641,277.51 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the payroll paid and overtime reports from February 14, 2009 through February 22, 2009 and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman that the payroll paid and overtime reports from February 14, 2009 through February 22, 2009 in the amount of \$181,632.37 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 6, 2009 from G. Myers regarding Purchase of Front End Loader.

Motion by Chairperson McGuire, supported by Commissioner Berklich to authorize the purchase of a front end loader from St. Joseph Equipment. G. Myers & K. Gargano to arrange the financing of the purchase.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 2, 2009 from J. Carlson regarding Job Posting 09-02: Line Foreman.

Motion by Chairperson McGuire, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to allow J. Fisher and the other managers to set up universal language pertaining to journeyman standards and testing procedures associated with setting these standards. Also, the senior qualified applicant, Mark Reger, declined the award of the Line Foreman position. Commission awarded this position to the next qualified applicant, Esko Savela.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairperson McGuire, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to post for the Lead Lineman position.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 6, 2009, from C. Lubovich regarding Job Posting 09-01: Apprentice Heat Mechanic.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to award Job Posting 09-01 to the senior qualified candidate, Steven Jivery, subject to Contract review that would allow an employee already in an apprenticeship program to accept another apprentice position.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 2, 2009 from G. Myers regarding Post for Plant Mechanic Apprentice.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to approve the posting for the position of Plant Mechanic Apprentice.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 6, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding Line Crew Journeyman Manpower Deficiency.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Chairperson McGuire, to create the following Job Classes, positions, and pay rates: Job Class 40, Line Foreman, \$30.49; Job Class 36, Lead Lineman, \$28.69; and Job Class 32, Lineman, \$26.89 pending Union approval at their March 26, 2009 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated March 6, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding AT&T Tower Lease Amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich, to table this AT&T Tower Lease Amendment until the next regular Commission meeting on March 24, 2009.


Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

*The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,  
March 24, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.*

Attest:

  
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Larry McGuire Commission Chairperson  
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Kevin M. Gargano  
Director of Finance & Commission Secretary

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