

November 4, 2015

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 4, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of October 14, 21, 23, 26, 2015 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-130
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Berthold Station Upgrades
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a final siting application fee refund in the amount of \$6,675.00 in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Berthold Station Upgrades, Siting Application, Case No. PU-10-130.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-656
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Garden Creek II Plant - McKenzie
County, ND
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a final siting application fee refund in the amount of \$12,068.18 in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Garden Creek II Plant - McKenzie County, ND, Siting Application, Case No. PU-12-656.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-683
Hess Corporation
14" Crude Oil Pipeline –
Williams County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a final siting application fee refund in the amount of \$7,653.45 in Hess Corporation, 14" Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-12-683.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-135
Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
10-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline –
Billings, Dunn, Stark Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission amend the contract for inspection services with Houston Engineering, Inc., in Belle Fourche Pipeline Company, 10-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Billings, Dunn, Stark, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-135.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-15-701
Gregory S. Fuqua
Auctioneer
License Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Gregory S. Fuqua of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-722
Langdon Wind, LLC
Wind Farm Expansion –
Cavalier County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a final siting application fee refund in the amount of \$84.59 in Langdon Wind, LLC, Wind Farm Expansion – Cavalier County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-07-722.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-103
Allete, Inc.
250kV DC Trans. Line Reroute –
Kidder & Stutsman Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a final siting application fee refund in the amount of \$3,558.74 in Allete, Inc., 250kV DC Trans. Line Reroute – Kidder & Stutsman, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-103.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-698
Otter Tail Power Company
Canadian Pacific Railroad –
Richland County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Canadian Pacific Railroad – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-15-698.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-692
Northern States Power Company
Light Emitting Diode Streetlight Rate
Petition
Tariff

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission suspend the tariff filing in Northern States Power Company's Light Emitting Diode Streetlight Rate Petition, Tariff, Case No. PU-15-692.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-674
NuStar Pipeline Operating
Partnership, L.P.
8-inch Refined Products Pipeline -
Cass County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit, conditioned on receiving at least ten business days prior to the public hearing in this case, copies of the environmental and cultural studies, and location information concerning the portion of the project that is located within the proposed Cenex Fargo Terminal.

I further move the Commission issue a Notice of Filings and Public Hearing in NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, L.P., 8-inch Refined Products Pipeline – Cass County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-674.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-15-53
Columbus Phase 15 Construction
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-729-15 with Gary Morlock Construction, Inc. for completion of reclamation work on the 2015 Columbus Phase 15 AML Project.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-15-688
Kentucky Auction Academy
Auction School Certification –
Bowling Green, KY
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. AU-15-688 granting the request for certification to Kentucky Auction Academy, Bowling Green, Kentucky, as an approved auction school as required by North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-08-01-01.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-840
Montana-Dakota Utilities /
Otter Tail Power Co.
345kV Transmission Line –
Dickey County
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission deem the amendment to application complete and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company, 345 kV Transmission. Line – Dickey County Siting Application, Case No.

PU-13-840.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-90
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Natural Gas Service Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-15-90.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-684
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2016)
Rates

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission suspend the filing, assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2016), Rates, Case No. PU-15-684.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-592
Thunder Spirit Wind /
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC / Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-592

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-694
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
16-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline –
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission retain Mitchell D. Armstrong and Brian Schmidt to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C., 16-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline, McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-694.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.


Executive Secretary


Julie Fedorchak, Chairman