

April 13, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak and Kroshus.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of March 29, 2017 be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-677  
v. Qwest Corporation  
Complaint

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill Qwest Corporation \$10,413.27 for costs incurred to date in Public Service Commission, v. Qwest Corporation, Complaint, Case No. PU-15-677.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Jolyn Wasem  
Auction Clerk  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Jolyn Wasem, Halliday, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

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Joel Fricke	Falkirk Mine	11-09-334-R(2)
Dennis Keller	Falkirk Mine	11-05-332-R(2)
Rod Zeien	Falkirk Mine	02-11-262-R(5)

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-696  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
345 kV Trans. Line - Mercer, Dunn,  
McKenzie, Williams  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Applicant's partial tree and shrub mitigation plan filed April 5, 2017 in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345 kV Transmission Line, Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-696.

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. Christmann: I move the Commission grant Applicants' March 9, 2017 withdrawal of an application for trade secret protection filed September 27, 2016 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company, 345 kV Transmission Line – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-801  
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.  
8-Inch NGL Pipeline - McKenzie and  
Dunn Counties  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.'s April 4, 2017, partial tree and shrub mitigation plan in ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C., 8-Inch NGL Pipeline – McKenzie and Dunn Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-801.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-42  
Brady Wind II, LLC  
Brady II Wind Energy Center -  
Hettinger & Stark  
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Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Brady Wind II, LLC's March 30, 2017, tree and shrub mitigation plan in Brady Wind II, LLC, Brady Wind II Wind Energy Center – Hettinger & Stark, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-42.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Transfer of Site Certificate  
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Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Whiting Oil and Gas Corp / QEP Field Services, LLC, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-117.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Otter Tail Power Company  
Environmental Cost Recovery  
Rates

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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2013 Electric Rate Increase  
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Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with PA Consulting Group for consulting services in in the captioned Northern States Power Company's Cases PU-12-813; PU-13-706; PU-13-707; PU-13-708; PU-13-742; PU-13-743; PU 13 194; and PU-13-195.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-194  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - NG Generators  
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Northern States Power Company  
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Case No. PU-13-742  
Northern States Power Company  
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Northern States Power Company  
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Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission rescind its July 30, 2014 Motion issuing an application fee refund in the amount of \$121,512.53 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – NG Generators, Case No. PU-13-194.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



Case No. PU-17-143  
Otter Tail Power Company  
150 MW - Merricourt Project  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Otter Tail Power Company, 150 MW - Merricourt Project, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-143.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-133  
Luverne Farmers Co-operative Elev Co  
License No. 335 - Luverne, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-133 cancelling warehouse license number 335 issued to Luverne Farmers Co-operative Elev. Co. at Luverne, North Dakota and ordering that business at Luverne is discontinued.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-93  
Central Plains Ag Services, LLC  
Grain Warehouse - Luverne, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-93 granting the request of Central Plains Ag Services, LLC to operate a 524,000-bushel grain warehouse at Luverne, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-103  
Tronson Grain, LLC  
Grain Warehouse - Garske, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-103 granting the request of Tronson Grain, LLC to operate a 557,000-bushel grain warehouse at Garske, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-131  
Midwest AgEnergy Group, LLC  
Roving Grain Buyer - Underwood, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-131 granting the request of Midwest AgEnergy Group, LLC of Underwood, North Dakota, to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Commission Reorganization

Mr. Christmann: I move that Commission portfolios be allocated as follows, effective April 14, 2017:

Commissioner Christmann:

Business Operations (Information Technology,  
Accounting, Budget, Human Resources, Legal)  
Coal Mining and Reclamation  
Abandoned Mine Lands  
Grain Licensing / Auctioneers and Clerks  
Licensing  
Telecommunications

Commissioner Fedorchak:

Transmission Pipeline Siting  
Energy Conversion Siting  
Electric Transmission Siting  
Railroads

Commissioner Kroshus:

Gas and Electric Economic Regulation  
Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention  
Weights and Measures  
Consumer Affairs

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-137  
Galesburg Co-operative Elevator  
Company  
License No. 495 - Galesburg, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-137 cancelling warehouse license number 495 issued to Galesburg Co-operative Elevator Company at Galesburg, North Dakota and ordering that business at Galesburg is discontinued.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-125  
Clifford Farmers Cooperative  
Elevator Company  
Grain Warehouse - Galesburg, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-125 granting the request of Clifford Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company to operate a 4,396,000-bushel grain warehouse at Galesburg, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-16-764  
City of Granville  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, City of Granville, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-16-764.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



Case No. PU-17-113  
Northern States Power Company  
Special Facilities Rider  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$25,000, suspend the tariff and rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Special Facilities Rider, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-113.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-123  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
NG Distribution System - Ransom &  
Sargent Counties  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Natural Gas System – Ransom & Sargent Counties, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-123.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-144  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Natural Gas System – Ransom &  
Sargent Counties  
Service Agreement(s)

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Gas Transportation – Clark Equipment Company, Service Agreement(s), Case No. PU-17-144.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-932  
EDF Renewable Development, Inc.  
Merricourt Wind Power Project  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Brian Schmidt to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing EDF Renewable Development, Inc., Merricourt Wind Power Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-08-932.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-120  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind  
Generation  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application, Case No. PU-17-120.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-120  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind  
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Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint Sara Cardwell, Victor Schock, and John Schuh as advocacy staff effective March 29, 2017, in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application, Case No. PU-17-120.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Resignation - Weights and Measures  
Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the resignation of Brandon Wahlfeldt, Weights and Measures Inspector, from position number 5007, effective April 26, 2017.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Voluntary Separation Incentive  
Program

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the establishment and implementation of a Public Service Commission Voluntary Separation Incentive Program effective April 7, 2017. I further move the Commission acknowledge the direction given to the Executive Secretary to distribute the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program to all employees on April 7, 2017.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of James Thornburg for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting approximately June 12, 2017, and ending no later than October 31, 2017, at a salary of \$24.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of Jeff Frohlich for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting approximately May 8, 2017, and ending no later than October 31, 2017, at a salary of \$24.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Post Probationary Period Salary  
Adjustment

Mr. Christmann: I move the approval of an off probation salary increase effective April 2, 2017 for Position No. 5004, based on the satisfactory completion of a four-month probationary period, in an amount consistent with the terms defined in the Commission's December 14, 2016 written offer of employment.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



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2015 - 2017 Indirect Cost Rate

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge and accept the 2015-2017 negotiated indirect cost rate received from the U.S. Department of Interior on March 31, 2017. The Commission further authorizes the Executive Secretary to sign the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement and return to the U.S. Department of Interior.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

The Commission recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 pm to continue administrative matters.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN

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Grain Warehouse - Luverne, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-93 granting the request of Central Plains Ag Services, LLC to operate a 524,000-bushel grain warehouse at Luverne, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-103  
Tronson Grain, LLC  
Grain Warehouse - Garske, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-103 granting the request of Tronson Grain, LLC to operate a 557,000-bushel grain warehouse at Garske, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-131  
Midwest AgEnergy Group, LLC  
Roving Grain Buyer - Underwood, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-131 granting the request of Midwest AgEnergy Group, LLC of Underwood, North Dakota, to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Commission Reorganization

Mr. Christmann: I move that Commission portfolios be allocated as follows, effective April 14, 2017:

Commissioner Christmann:

Business Operations (Information Technology,  
Accounting, Budget, Human Resources, Legal)  
Coal Mining and Reclamation  
Abandoned Mine Lands  
Grain Licensing / Auctioneers and Clerks  
Licensing  
Telecommunications

Commissioner Fedorchak:

Transmission Pipeline Siting  
Energy Conversion Siting  
Electric Transmission Siting  
Railroads

Commissioner Kroshus:

Gas and Electric Economic Regulation  
Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention  
Weights and Measures  
Consumer Affairs

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-137  
Galesburg Co-operative Elevator  
Company  
License No. 495 - Galesburg, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-137 cancelling warehouse license number 495 issued to Galesburg Co-operative Elevator Company at Galesburg, North Dakota and ordering that business at Galesburg is discontinued.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-125  
Clifford Farmers Cooperative  
Elevator Company  
Grain Warehouse - Galesburg, ND  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-125 granting the request of Clifford Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company to operate a 4,396,000-bushel grain warehouse at Galesburg, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-16-764  
City of Granville  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, City of Granville, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-16-764.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."



Case No. PU-17-113  
Northern States Power Company  
Special Facilities Rider  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$25,000, suspend the tariff and rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Special Facilities Rider, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-113.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-123  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
NG Distribution System - Ransom &  
Sargent Counties  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Natural Gas System – Ransom & Sargent Counties, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-123.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-144  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
Natural Gas System – Ransom &  
Sargent Counties  
Service Agreement(s)

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Gas Transportation – Clark Equipment Company, Service Agreement(s), Case No. PU-17-144.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-932  
EDF Renewable Development, Inc.  
Merricourt Wind Power Project  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Brian Schmidt to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing EDF Renewable Development, Inc., Merricourt Wind Power Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-08-932.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-120  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind  
Generation  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application, Case No. PU-17-120.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-120  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind  
Generation  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint Sara Cardwell, Victor Schock, and John Schuh as advocacy staff effective March 29, 2017, in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application, Case No. PU-17-120.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Resignation - Weights and Measures  
Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the resignation of Brandon Wahlfeldt, Weights and Measures Inspector, from position number 5007, effective April 26, 2017.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Voluntary Separation Incentive  
Program

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the establishment and implementation of a Public Service Commission Voluntary Separation Incentive Program effective April 7, 2017. I further move the Commission acknowledge the direction given to the Executive Secretary to distribute the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program to all employees on April 7, 2017.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of James Thornburg for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting approximately June 12, 2017, and ending no later than October 31, 2017, at a salary of \$24.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of Jeff Frohlich for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting approximately May 8, 2017, and ending no later than October 31, 2017, at a salary of \$24.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Post Probationary Period Salary  
Adjustment

Mr. Christmann: I move the approval of an off probation salary increase effective April 2, 2017 for Position No. 5004, based on the satisfactory completion of a four-month probationary period, in an amount consistent with the terms defined in the Commission's December 14, 2016 written offer of employment.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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2015 - 2017 Indirect Cost Rate

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge and accept the 2015-2017 negotiated indirect cost rate received from the U.S. Department of Interior on March 31, 2017. The Commission further authorizes the Executive Secretary to sign the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement and return to the U.S. Department of Interior.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

The Commission recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 pm to continue administrative matters.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN