

April 26, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak, and Kroshus.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of April 13, 21, 2017 be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-50
Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications \$476.08 for costs incurred to date in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-17-50.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-152
Chas Ophus
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Chas Ophus, Watford City, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-153
Jack H. Lyon
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Jack H. Lyon, Bridgeport, New York.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AD-17-49
Practice and Procedure
Rulemaking

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Submitting Rules to Attorney General for an opinion as to legality in Public Service Commission, Practice and Procedure, Rulemaking, Case No. AD-17-49.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-04-01

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-04-02

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-07-02

North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-02-09

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-157
Whiting Oil and Gas Corp./
QEP Field Services, LLC
Transfer - Certificate #124 &
Permit #133
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Whiting Oil and Gas Corp / QEP Field Services, LLC, Transfer - Certificate #124 & Permit #133, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-157.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-134
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Jerrud Larson - Burleigh County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Jerrud Larson - Burleigh County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-134.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-149
Otter Tail Power Company
Darrick Johnson - Pierce County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Darrick Johnson - Pierce County, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-17-149.

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 rescind its April 13, 2017 motion assessing a filing fee of \$10,000 and further move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$175,000 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-17-142
Atlantic Farm Services Inc.
Roving Grain Buyer - Moncton, NB
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-142 cancelling roving grain buyer license number 3227 issued to Atlantic Farm Services Inc. and ordering that business in North Dakota is discontinued.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-129
La Coop Federee
Roving Grain Buyer - Winnipeg,
Manitoba, CN
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-17-129 granting the request of La Coop Federee of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-122
Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Environmental Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-17-122.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-140
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz to assist the commission as advocacy staff counsel in processing Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence - Astoria Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-140.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-141
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Merricourt Project
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz to assist the commission as advocacy staff counsel in processing Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence - Merricourt Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-141.

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 retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz to assist the commission as advocacy staff counsel in processing 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. PU-17-140
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint Sara Cardwell, Victor Schock, and John Schuh as advocacy staff in Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence - Astoria Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-140; Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence - Merricourt Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-141; and Otter Tail Power Company, 150 MW - Merricourt Project, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-17-143.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-141
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Merricourt Project
Application

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN