

February 23, 2022

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 23, 2022, 10:07 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Haugen-Hoffart.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of February 2, 2022, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Reorganization

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission portfolios be allocated as follows, effective February 23, 2022:

Commissioner Fedorchak

- Business Operations
- Siting
- Railroads
- MISO/OMS
- Economic Regulation - Gas

Commissioner Christmann

- Coal Mining and Reclamation
- Abandoned Mine Lands
- Licensing: Auctioneers & Auction Clerks
- Telecommunications
- SPP/RSC

Commissioner Haugen-Hoffart

- Wind and Solar Reclamation
- Economic Regulation - Electric
- Pipeline Safety
- Damage Prevention
- Weights and Measures
- Consumer Affairs

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-218
BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC
Crude Oil Pipeline - Williams to Billings
Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation may cease and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$27,754.90 in BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC, Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams to Billings Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-10-218.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-424
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Facilities - Portland, ND -
Traill Cnty
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,838.90 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Facilities – Portland, ND – Traill Cnty, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-21-424.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction license which became effective during the month of January 2022.

AUCTION CLERK LICENSES

Auction Clerk Name	Location	Effective Date
Ben Stiegelmeier dba Integrity Auctioneers	Harvey, ND	1/7/2022

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-433
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 200 MW
Heartland Divide Wind II
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$63,168.96 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 200 MW Heartland Divide Wind II, Application, Case No. PU-20-433.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-16
Northern States Power Company
Cogeneration - Small Power
Production
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's annual update of cogeneration and small power production rate schedules effective March 1, 2022, in Northern States Power Company, Cogeneration - Small Power Production, Rates, Case No. PU-22-16.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-342
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Mandan to Ellendale Transmission
System Upgrade
Siting Exclusion Certification

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Mandan to Ellendale Transmission System Upgrade, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-20-342.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-338
Public Service Commission
JP Hager Enterprises, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission find the Formal Complaint filed by the North Dakota Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff on February 4, 2022, states a prima facie case, and serve the Complaint on the Respondent in Public Service Commission, JP Hager Enterprises, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-21-338.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-386
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
NG Distribution System - Cass and
Richland
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., NG Distribution System – Cass and Richland, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-21-386.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-441
Caliber North Dakota LLC
2.62-Mile Natural Gas Pipeline –
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the combined application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit, and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in Caliber North Dakota LLC, 2.62-Mile Natural Gas Pipeline - McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-441.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-34
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
12-inch Water Pipeline Project - Morton
County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the combined application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit, and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 12-inch Water Pipeline Project - Morton County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-22-34.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-560
Allete, Inc.
Bison 1 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton
Counties
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the proposed Minnesota Power Letter of Credit filed on January 26, 2022, in Allete, Inc., Bison 1 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton Counties, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-11-560.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-380
Otter Tail Power Company
Integrated Resource Plan
Information

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission open an investigation into Otter Tail Power Company's 2022-2036 Integrated Resource Plan, and assess a fee of \$250,000, in Otter Tail Power Company, Integrated Resource Plan, Information, Case No. PU-21-380.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-396
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2022)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2022), Rates, Case No. PU-21-396.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-47
Northern States Power Company
Electric Franchise Fee Modifications
Tariff

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the tariff changes and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Electric Franchise Fee Modifications, Tariff, Case No. PU-22-47.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-20
Qwest Corporation
PIDs & PAP
Cancellation / Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective February 4, 2022, in Qwest Corporation, PIDs & PAP, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-22-20.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:20 A.M.


Executive Secretary


JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR