

March 9, 2022

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Haugen-Hoffart.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of February 23, 2022, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-99
Arrow Field Services, LLC
4 Bears to CDP Connect Project -
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed on December 16, 2021, in Arrow Field Services, LLC 4 Bears to CDP Connect Project – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-99 and in Hiland Crude, LLC / Banner Transportation Company, Name Change, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-405.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-405
Hiland Crude, LLC / Banner
Transportation Company,
Name Change
Siting Application

Case No. PU-14-730
Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company
LLC
Bakken Area Storage Hub - Williams
Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$22,350 in Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC, Bakken Area Storage Hub – Williams Cnty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-730.

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 Protection of Information in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Mandan to Ellendale Transmission System Upgrade, Siting Exclusion Certification, PSC Case No. PU-20-342.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-389
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2022)
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2022), PSC Case No. PU-21-389.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-62
Otter Tail Power Company
Cogeneration - Small Power
Production
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's annual update of cogeneration and small power production rate schedules effective April 1, 2022, in Otter Tail Power Company, Cogeneration - Small Power Production, Rates, Case No. PU-22-62.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-71
Public Service Commission
Dirt Dynamics, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Dirt Dynamics, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-22-71.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-64
Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC
200.5 MW Wind Energy Conversion
Facility-Stutsman
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC, 200.5 MW Wind Energy Conversion Facility-Stutsman, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-64, and in Northern States Power Company / Courtenay Wind, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-174.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-174
Northern States Power Company /
Courtenay Wind
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-351
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
345 kV Transmission Line - Williams
and Mountrail
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line – Williams and Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-352
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project - Williams County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-352.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-83
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Miscellaneous Tariff Revisions
Tariff

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission suspend the tariff changes and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Miscellaneous Tariff Revisions, Tariff, Case No. PU-22-83.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-143
Public Service Commission
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Investigation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order Requesting Comment Regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in Public Service Commission, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Investigation, Case No. PU-22-143.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-20-156
Coteau Properties Company
Bond Release 1, Permit NACT-9001
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 1 for Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9001, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 811.8 acres of land located in portions of Sections 1 and 2, T145N, R88W, Mercer County, effective April 11, 2022, unless a formal hearing is requested, in Coteau Properties Company, Bond Release 1, Permit NACT-9001, Application, Case No. RC-20-156.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-84
Torch Wireless
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Torch Wireless, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-22-84.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-73
Tatanka Wind Power, LLC
Tatanka Wind Farm - Dickey Cty
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission approve the proposed surety bond filed on February 28, 2022, in Tatanka Wind Power, LLC, Tatanka Wind Farm - Dickey Cty, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-10-73.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-443
Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Cost Adjustment – Hoot Lake
Solar Project
Tariff

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Fuel Cost Adjustment – Hoot Lake Solar Project, Tariff, Case No. PU-21-443.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Proposed Changes, Revegetation
Success Standards Document,
Approval and Formal Adoption

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve and formally adopt the changes proposed to the Revegetation Success Standards Document for demonstrating reclamation success on surface coal mined lands in North Dakota.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Comments to the FCC on
Number Pooling

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission delegate authority to Staff to file comments with the Federal Communications Commission in FCC Docket No. 99-200 supporting a waiver of section 52.13 and supporting ITN pooling trials.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:09 A.M.


Executive Secretary


JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR