

August 28, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 28, 2024, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of August 14, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-244
Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of
Maddock
Maddock, North Dakota
Service Area Agreement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill Northern Plains Electric Cooperative \$23.25 for costs incurred to date in Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of Maddock, Maddock, North Dakota, Service Area Agreement, Case No. PU-23-244.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-244
Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of
Maddock
Maddock, North Dakota
Service Area Agreement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill the City of Maddock \$23.25 for costs incurred to date in Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of Maddock, Maddock, North Dakota, Service Area Agreement, Case No. PU-23-244.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-295
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence–Brookings Second
Circuit Project
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$170,657.00 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Brookings Second Circuit Project, Application, Case No. PU-23-295.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-306
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2024)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,601.28 in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2024), Rates, Case No. PU-23-306.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-307
Northern States Power Company
Service Reconnection Charge &
Manual Meter Reading
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,877.48 in Northern States Power Company, Service Reconnection Charge & Manual Meter Reading, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-23-307.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-315
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2024)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,869.76 in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2024), Rates, Case No. PU-23-315.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-320
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Digital 2nd Office - Dickey
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,958.48 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Applied Digital 2nd Office – Dickey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-320.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-321
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Digital 2nd Data Processing
Extension
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,958.48 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Applied Digital 2nd Data Processing Extension, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-321.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-322
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Applied
Digital
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,657.19 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Applied Digital, Approval, Case No. PU-23-322.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-329
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 345kV Big Stone
to Sherburne
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$172,686.50 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 345kV Big Stone to Sherburne, Application, Case No. PU-23-329.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-339
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,688.55 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-23-339.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-340
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,667.84 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-23-340.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-179
Northern States Power Company
2023 Electric
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close the Northern States Power Company, 2023 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-24-179.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-300
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Pipeline - Larimore &
Arvilla, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,949.08 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Pipeline – Larimore & Arvilla, ND, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-300.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-313
Rugby Wind LLC
Rugby Wind Farm – Pierce County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,901.72 in Rugby Wind LLC, Rugby Wind Farm – Pierce County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-313.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-347
Dakota Gasification Company
Transfer – Corridor #223 & Route #233
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,902.42 in Dakota Gasification Company, Transfer – Corridor #223 & Route #233, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-347.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-88
TruConnect Communications, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in TruConnect Communications, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-88.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-342
Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Public Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-23-342.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-20
Public Service Commission
Industrial Builders, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Industrial Builders, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Numbers DM 24-20 and DM 24-21.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-21
Public Service Commission
Industrial Builders, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-18-219
Harmony Solar ND, LLC
Harmony Solar Project - Cass County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Harmony Solar ND, LLC, Harmony Solar Project – Cass County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-219.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR