

July 23, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on July 23, 2024, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of July 8, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-171
Otter Tail Power Company
Dwight Grotberg - Barnes County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Dwight Grotberg – Barnes County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-171.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-237
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Tim Muggli - Grant County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Tim Muggli – Grant County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-237.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-289
Northern States Power Company
2023 Power Purchase Agreement
Costs
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2023 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-24-289.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-22-418
Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC
Revision 35, Permit KRSB-8603
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 35 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. KRSB-8603, held by Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC. Revision No. 35 modifies the reclamation schedule and plan for the Silver, Gold, and Iron pits. The revision also updates the water management plan to include newly constructed ponds and updates the certified leases and agreements as provided in Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC, Revision 35, Permit KRSB-8603, Application, Case No. RC-22-418.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-24-29
BNI Coal, Ltd.
Renewal 8, Permit BNCR-8202
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BNCR-8202, held by BNI Coal, Ltd. for the Center Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until July 31, 2029, in BNI Coal, Ltd., Renewal 8, Permit BNCR-8202, Application, Case No. RC-24-29.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-19
TracFone Wireless, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in TracFone Wireless, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-19.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-168
Consolidated Communications
Networks, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-24-168.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-288
Global Connection Inc. of America
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Global Connection Inc. of America, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-288.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-295
Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks
Exchange Boundary
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks, Exchange Boundary, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-295.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-295
Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks
Exchange Boundary
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks, Exchange Boundary, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-295.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-180
Northern States Power Company
AMI Self-Reading Tariff Modifications
Tariff

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, AMI Self-Reading Tariff Modifications, Tariff, Case No. PU-24-180.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-240
Northern States Power Company
Franchise Fee – City of West Fargo –
Electric
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission approve the tariff and rates in Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee – City of West Fargo – Electric, Rates, Case No. PU-24-240.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-66
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Fuel
Inventory System
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Astoria Fuel Inventory System, Application, Case No. PU-23-66.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:52 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR